

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING**

March 24, 2016

**Following the Commissioners Workshop Meeting
Commissioners Hearing Room**

Present: Commissioner Vince DiFilippo and Gary Eichelberger. Penny Brown, Bureau of Elections; Mark Adams, IMTO; Larry Thomas, Chief Clerk; Sandy Moyle, Deputy Chief Clerk/Meetings Manager; Jennifer Crum, Recording Secretary; Jennifer Hipp, Assistant Solicitor.

Call to Order: Chief Clerk Thomas called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Commissioner DiFilippo and Eichelberger were present.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Penny Brown confirmed that the minutes are accurate as written. Commissioner Eichelberger moved to approve the minutes of November 17, 2015. Commissioner DiFilippo seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Board of Elections Reorganization

- **Chairman** - Commissioner Eichelberger moved to nominate Commissioner DiFilippo as the Chairman of the Board of Elections. Commissioner DiFilippo seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.
- **Vice-Chairman** - Commissioner Eichelberger nominated Commissioner Hertzler as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Elections. Commissioner DiFilippo seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.
- **Secretary** - Commissioner DiFilippo moved to nominate Commissioner Eichelberger as Secretary of the Board of Elections. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Request Approval for Authorization for Solicitors to File a Petition to the Court to Fill Vacancies on Local Election Boards: Penny Brown explained that periodically there are Judges and Inspectors of Elections that resign and other individuals need to be appointed to fill those unexpired terms:

- Daree Kyle – Precinct Carlisle 3-1 Minority Inspector – Republican
- Eileen Gault – Precinct East Pennsboro 2 – Majority Inspector - Republican
- Suzanne Reynolds – South Middleton 4 – Majority Inspector – Republican

Commissioner Eichelberger moved to approve the individuals to fill the unexpired terms. Commissioner DiFilippo seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Other Business: Penny Brown explained that there are issues with the Ballots. The Bureau of Elections received a Certification from the Department of the Official Listing with an

accompanying email that the Courts may change it; however, there is no time for change. Penny Brown requested the Board of Elections authorize the Bureau of Elections to proceed. The State Department is open Friday and may send updated information.

The delay is that Ted Cruz is being challenged in the Lower Court as to whether he should be on the ballot due to his birthright citizenship. He was ordered on the ballot and appealed to Supreme Court.

Running for US Senator is Joseph Vodvarka; however there are issues. Penny suggested to continue as is with his name on the ballot. If he is to be taken off the ballot, that information can be posted at the Polls. Commissioner DiFilippo asked if there are any legal issues with this procedure. Assistant Solicitor Hipp explained that they have been watching the dockets numerous times a day for updates. The biggest issue is that the County does not have time for changes. The County has no control over the US Senator issue. It is suggested to leave the Ballot as is.

Commissioner Eichelberger moved to approve the ballot as it is currently printed. Commissioner DiFilippo seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

New Voter Registrations: The Elections Office has picked up lately with receiving 11,000 new registrations or changes since January of this year. 2,100 of those have changed their party, 3,000 new registrations, 3,000 change of address, and 700 with a name change.

Department of Justice and Architect: Penny Brown explained that the County's Polling Places have been selected to conduct a survey from the Department of Justice to confirm ADA accessibility at polling places. This is not from a complaint, but convenience for the State to conduct the survey. Solicitor Hipp explained a concern that if they do find something that is not ADA Compliant, Elections may have to make corrections on Election Day; however, they were informed that they would not. The Judges at each polling place will be informed prior. Each polling place inspection will last between 5 - 10 minutes.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Eichelberger made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Crum
Administrative Specialist