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Cumberland County Board of Elections Meeting

April 5, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.
Commissioners' Hearing Room
Courthouse, Carlisle, PA

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Present: Commissioner Gary Eichelberger, Commissioner Jean Foschi, and Commissioner Vincent T. DiFilippo.

Staff Present: Stacy M. Snyder, Chief Clerk; Angela Smyser, Administrative Specialist; Tamie Hershey, Office Manager; Jennifer Hipp, Assistant Solicitor.

Department Staff Present: Bethany Salzarulo, Bureau of Elections; Samantha Krepps, Communications.

Department Staff Present via Zoom: Mark Adams, IMTO.

Others Present via Zoom: Bonnie Fowler, League of Women Voters; Jo Bitzer, Charles Wilson, citizens.

Media Present: None.

Call to Order: Commissioner Eichelberger called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Commissioners Eichelberger, Foschi, and DiFilippo were present.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Eichelberger made a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2021. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Permanent Polling Location Changes:

- Camp Hill 3 – Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N. 23rd St., Camp Hill

Bethany explained that the current location of polling location Camp Hill 3 is not ADA compliant. The new location will be ADA compliant after minor adjustments.

Commissioner DiFilippo made a motion to approve the permanent polling location change for Camp Hill 3. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Temporary Polling Location Changes:

- Carlisle 4-1 – Carlisle Alliance Church, 237 E. North St., Carlisle

Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve the temporary polling location change for Carlisle 4-1 for the 2021 Primary Election only. Commissioner DiFilippo seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Communication Plan for All Polling Location Changes: Bethany reported that new Voter ID cards were mailed to voters affected by a permanent polling location change. Bethany explained that postcards will be mailed on April 12, 2021 to make voters aware of a temporary change to their polling location. All changes will be reflected on Cumberland County's website polling location map. Signage will be posted at the previous locations to direct voters to the new locations and social media posts will be utilized to communicate the changes.

Approval of Liquor Referendum Plain English Statement for Newburg: Jennifer clarified that the ballot question will match the petition that circulated. The statement will be posted at the polling location.

Commissioner DiFilippo made a motion to approve the Liquor Referendum Plain English Statement for Newburg. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Liquor Referendum Plain English Statement for Newville:

Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve the Liquor Referendum Plain English Statement for Newville. Commissioner DiFilippo seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Discussion of Election Day Pre-Canvassing/Canvassing: Bethany proposed a plan for pre-canvassing on Primary Election Day. Pre-canvassing will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude by 7 p.m. The plan will allow for watchers. After 8 p.m., the scanning of ballots will start with results posted along with election day results at 10:30 p.m.. Canvassing will continue the following day if necessary.

Commissioner DiFilippo made a motion to approve the plan for Pre-Canvassing from 9 a.m until 7 p.m on Primary Election Day. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Update on Mail Ballots: Bethany explained mail ballots will be mailed on April 26, 2021 and can be returned starting Mar 3, 2021. A deputy will be on site to monitor the drop-off location. There are 11,000 mail ballot applications at this point and she anticipates 20,000 mail ballots for the primary election. Bethany indicated the office will be open late on at least two days to allow for the return of mail ballots for those who work during the regular office hours and once ballots have arrived people will be able to apply for a mail ballot and complete and turn it in in the same visit.

Discussion of Campaign Literature and Gear in the Polling Place: Bethany explained that currently campaign literature, clothing, and accessories are not to be visible inside the polling place. She clarified signage is posted at polling locations. She summarized the "Campaign Clothing and Accessories" and "Campaign Literature" sections from the Election Day Guide, provided to poll workers state such policy.

Commissioner DiFilippo suggested these sections be removed until this topic is clarified by the state. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner DiFilippo made a motion to approve changes to the election guide to remove the sections titled “Campaign Clothing and Accessories” and “Campaign Literature” for the 2021 Primary Election. In addition, signage regarding this topic is not to be posted in polling places. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion. Commissioner Eichelberger opposed. The motion carried.

Report of Executive Session: Commissioner Eichelberger reported an executive session was held on April 5, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. Re: Personnel.

Other Business: Bethany mentioned there are three constitutional amendments and one ballot question that will appear on the Primary ballot statewide. She pointed out the questions will take up two full pages. In Newburg and Newville the aforementioned liquor referendums will also appear as a fifth question.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Smyser
Administrative Specialist