



ELECTION BOARD MINUTES MAY 09, 2023

Those present at the public meeting of the Venango County Commissioners held in Room 100 of the Courthouse Annex:

Commissioner Samuel Breene
 Commissioner Michael Dulaney
 Commissioner Chip Abramovic
 Sabrina Backer, Chief Clerk
 Melanie Bailey, Admin. Assistant
 Rich Winkler, Solicitor
 Jeannie Ritchey, Acting Treasurer
 Diona Brick, Fiscal
 Bridey Keller, Human Resources
 Amie Wood – Wessell, Human Services
 Hilary Buchanan, Planning
 Bonnie Summers, Election Board

Mark Seigworth, Public Safety
 Julie Bullard, Court Supervision Services
 Tim Geibel, CATA
 Gavin Fish, Explore Venango
 Ralph Montgomery, Oil Region Rising
 Wayne L. Edmondson, Citizen
 Jim Speth, Citizen
 John Kluck, Venango County Democrats
 Ashley Smith, Venango County Democrats
 Kara O'Neil, The Derrick
 Ken Duffee, Grace Church

The Election Board meeting was convened and adjourned prior to the start of the Retirement Board meeting. The Retirement Board meeting was convened and adjourned prior to the start of the Salary Board meeting. The Salary Board meeting was convened and adjourned prior to the start of the Commissioner Board meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Breene called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 11, 2023 MEETING:

- Bonnie Summers made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2023 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dulaney, aye all.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ELECTION BOARD AGENDA: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Melanie Bailey, Interim Director of Elections stated that the Public Test of the Election equipment will be held Friday May 12 @ 9am in Room 100 of the Courthouse Annex. All 44 Precincts will be open next Tuesday May 16, 7:00am – 8:00pm for voting. Also, all absentee and mail-in ballots will need to be returned to the Elections Office by 8:00pm on Election Day to be counted or surrendered at the voter's precinct to be able to vote there.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ashley Smith from the Venango County Democrats addressed the Board stating that she would like to see the Election Board come up with a policy on curing Absentee/Mail-in Ballots. She also said that she has been in contact with Butler County Commissioner Kevin Bozell to see their newly appointed process for curing the Absentee/Mail-in Ballots.

Ralph Montgomery from Oil Region Rising would like to see Venango County cure ballots in the future. He also stated that is in favor of bringing the Drop off box back. He believes that it was good for the County.

Wayne Edmondson said that he would like to see things go back to Election Day and not Election Season.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm upon a motion by Bonnie Summers and seconded by Commissioner Dulaney, aye all.

Respectfully submitted,


Melanie A. Bailey, Administrative Assistant