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Cumberland County Board of Elections Meeting

February 8, 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, Acting Chief Clerk; Jennifer Crum, Administrative Specialist; Jennifer Hipp, Assistant Solicitor.

Department Staff Present: Bethany Salzarulo, Bureau of Elections.

Department Staff Present via Zoom: Samantha Krepps, Communications; Mark Adams, IMTO.

Others Present via Zoom: Bonnie Fowler; 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 Foschi made a motion to approve the minutes of November 23, 2020. Commissioner DiFilippo seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Update on Annual Mail-in Applications: Bethany explained that the mail-in ballot application provides an option to receive mail-in ballot applications permanently. She further explained many voters don't recall marking the checkbox and so election staff has been receiving phone calls questioning why they are receiving unsolicited mail-in ballot applications. Bethany indicated they mailed out 42,258 applications with a postage cost of \$21,551. The Board requested that the communications department draft a press release to educate voters. Bethany suggested posting a video created by CCAP on the County's website.

Petitions: Bethany explained that petitions are available, to pick up by appointment or online, that include detailed instructions of the process. She mentioned this is the first year the petition process is available on-line. Discussion ensued.

Department of Justice Update: Bethany provided an update regarding various polling places that must be relocated. She explained there isn't a way to correct compliance issues.

There is a request from Cumberland Valley School District to move Hampden 5 & 6 from Good Hope Middle School permanently. The school is currently unavailable due to construction and the facilities manager indicated the elementary school wouldn't be available either. Solicitor Hipp suggested that she could reach out to the district solicitor. She further explained there may not be other viable options and the election code does indicate polling places be located in specific types of public buildings. Commissioner DiFilippo made a motion to approve Solicitor Hipp to contact the solicitor of Cumberland Valley School District to discuss the issues of polling locations Hampden 5 & 6 for a temporary relocation. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Bethany mentioned they do have other options for the polling places that are not in compliance. When finalized, a notice will go out to voters regarding their temporary polling place and new voter cards will be mailed for permanent changes. The Department of Justice will first need to approve the new locations.

There was discussion regarding an annual appeal from Hampden regarding the need for splitting polling places. GIS will start looking for polling places in the new precincts, which will most likely be school district buildings. Community rooms may also be an option.

Report of Executive Session: Commissioner Eichelberger reported an executive session was held on November 23, 2020 @ 2:45 p.m. Re: Pending Litigation; December 1, 2020 @ 11:30 a.m. Re: Potential Litigation.

Other Business: There was discussion regarding space allocation for observers of future pre-canvassing. A decision will be made regarding pre-canvassing location and start time prior to election day.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Crum
Administrative Specialist