

Board of Elections Minutes - Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Meeting Attendees: Legislators Cliff Balliet, Dennis Mullen, Bill Standinger and Loretta Sullivan, Treasurer's Office Rita Hollenbeck

Absent: Chairperson Martha Sauerbrey

March minutes approval: First by Loretta Sullivan and seconded by Dennis Mullen.

FINANCIAL: March Year to Date financial report attached to the initial agenda submission and on file.

OLD BUSINESS: One Poll Site Agreement remains outstanding to our office.

Website updates continue to the Political Calendar from Chapter Laws received from the New York State Board of Elections as well as the new Voter Registration Form.

Designating Petition required number of signatures lowered based on the NYS Chapter Laws 17, 18, and 22 on March 25, 2019. This is now a lowering from 5% to 3.75% for 2019 Designating Petitions only based on the earlier time to carry petitions.

NEW BUSINESS: Mail Check File has been transmitted to the vendor and registered voters can anticipate receiving their notification during the week of April 15. This annual required mailing goes to each registered voter on file as of January 1, 2019 as voters after this date have been sent an Acknowledgment or Transfer card informing them of their polling location and the dates of the 2019 Elections.

NTS and Tenex Electronic Poll Book Region demonstrations hosted by Steuben County with the nine counties within our Region 5 territory. Commissioners attended these presentations and were able to see the current models that anticipate receiving NYSBOE Certification of their product. Vendors have not provided budgetary nor annual maintenance costs thus far. NYSBOE anticipates having these be made similar to the voting machines via OGS contracts with a target date of June 2019.

DMV Automatic transfer of voter registrations requires counties now to research on the NYSVOTER SBOE site if a person was already a voter in another NYS county. Phone calls will need to be made to counties to determine if there is an enrollment change to follow the voter, and will result in more time to process each registration. BOE staff is cognizant to begin to monitor the additional time and potential to have additional Bi-Partisan staff should this infringe on other duties.

District/Poll Site Map updates are providing more detailing and labeling of roads. These will be placed on our website as they complete the signoffs with all staff.

Poll books & Privacy Booths were prepared for the Village of Owego. Voting Machines were not requested by their Clerk as no contested opposition was on their ballot.

Our County IT has finished the necessary Server build. NTS requires that our current NTS programs function on the new Server for a minimum of two weeks prior updates to the NTS Suite programs. NTS was phoned after today's meeting to be added into their que of counties to upgrade.

Links to One House Budget Information were provided to the Legislators regarding the passing of the State Budget and funding to Implement Election Reform.

Copies of the spreadsheet from NYSBOE with county BOE estimates for Early Voting Costs have been distributed and emailed to Legislators.

PERSONNEL:

Democratic Machine Technician: William Leonard began April 1 and he will be attending Voting Machine Technician training within the coming weeks.

RESOLUTION: Voting Machine Technician

Urging NYS to fund all costs associated with new state-directed Election Reforms Implemented at the County Level