Floyd County Board of Elections and Registration May 17, 2022



County Administration Building

Caucus – Suite 204 5:00 PM Meeting – Suite 206 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Elections and Registration Board Members Jerry Lee, Cory Townsend, Ralph Davis, Gary Stamper, Pam Peters, Election Supervisor Pete McDonald, County Attorney representative Chris Jackson

- **I. Welcome** Chair Lee called the meeting to order.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda Lee asked for a motion to modify the agenda to include an affirmation of the Poll Officers and clerks for the primary election and to select a meeting date for June as the regular date conflicts with the runoff date. Motion was made by Ms. Peters and seconded by Mr. Davis to amend and approve the agenda. All voted to approve.
- **IV. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting** Chair Lee asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19 meeting. Mr. Townsend made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion carried 5-0.
- V.
- VI. Old Business

There was no old business.

- VII. Election Supervisor Report Mr. McDonald reported that as of yesterday we had 3069 early in person votes cast with 1013 at the Anthony center and 2056 at the Election Center. There has been over 700 requests for absentee ballots and 230 returned as of yesterday. Poll worker training has gone well with 142 workers trained along with 25 managers and 50 assistant managers. Two county teams have been set up to deliver the voting equipment to the voting precincts on Monday. Those team have the contact information to notify them of the arrival. We have notified the Secretary of State's office that our plan is to open absentee ballots on Monday and seal them until election night after 7:00 PM when the polls close when they will be scanned. We plan to report election results on the absentee ballots and several precincts by 8:00 PM and at least two more times during the evening until all are reported no later than 10:00PM.
- VIII. New Business

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Under new business a motion was made by Mr. Townsend to affirm the appointment of the poll managers, assistant managers and poll workers for the May 24 primary election. There is an exhibit A to the affirmation statement that lists the names, titles and addresses of the workers. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peters. Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Peters moved that all persons that had completed training and paperwork to serve as poll workers be assigned to a precinct. Motion was seconded by Mr. Stamper and passed 5-0.

Mr. Townsend moved to hold the next meeting on June 27th at 6:00 PM to combine with the certification of the runoff election results. Mr. Davis seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Peters and seconded by Mr. Townsend to go into executive session to discuss a litigation matter. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Davis moved to come out of executive session seconded by Mr. Townsend.

Motion passed 5-0. No action was taken during executive session.

IX. Public Participation – There were three public requests to speak.

Mr. Lee responded to a question regarding an issue with redistricting and voters having the wrong district on their ballots. Mr. Lee explained that there had been some cast this way, but the issue is being resolved with the assistance of a representative of the Secretary of State's office. It should be complete by Wednesday.

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Another issue was raised about candidate's signs displayed at the early voting precincts and then removed. Mr. Lee stated that signs have to be at least 150 feet from the precinct. The signs mentioned met the threshold but were on county government property which is in violation of the law and were removed by public works staff.

- **X. Other Business -** There was no other business.
- **XI. Adjourn** —Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.