

**LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021**

The Board of Elections met today for an Election Board Meeting.

Present at today's meeting:

**Ray D'Agostino, Chairman**  
**Joshua G. Parsons, Vice-Chairman**  
**Craig E. Lehman**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**Lawrence M. George**  
**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK**

**Tammy Moyer**  
**DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK**

**Christina Hausner, Esquire**  
**COUNTY SOLICITOR**

Also present:

**Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Registrar**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced to postpone approval of the April 6, 2021 Election Board minutes.

**Public Hearing re. Proposed Polling Place Changes**

Commissioner D'Agostino opened the Public Hearing at 9:54 a.m.

Ms. Miller discussed the four polling place changes, beginning with Ephrata Township Municipal Building, which is moving to LCBC Church because of space. The Hempfield School District polling place is moving to the Vietnamese Alliance Church and the two polling place changes in Manheim Township are due to new management and they no longer want the voting held there.

It was mentioned that there are two polling place changes that were changed due to a mistake and will not be voted on today. In the Spring District, Community Fellowship Church is moving to Vietnamese Alliance Church only for this election due to construction. In Indian Springs District, Four Seasons Golf Complex is under construction and the polling place will change to Hempfield Area Recreation Commission. The mistake was that Voter Registration put that the Four Seasons was moving to the Vietnamese Church and that the Community Fellowship Church was going to the Hempfield Recreation Commission.

Resident Mary Moore had questions about PPE protocol during the election.

Commissioner Lehman said he thinks the Ephrata Township Municipal Building polling location should stay the same. He said the turnout for this election and the one in 2022 is going to be lower and after that, reapportionment will be done. He said after that it can be determined if the precinct exceeds the threshold for the size of a voting district. After that, the district could be split if the size of the district is too large. Regarding the Kings District, he noted that the Hempfield School District Administration Building and the Vietnamese Alliance Church are outside the district. Commissioner Lehman stated that given the choice between two locations outside the voting district, in this case, he prefers the Hempfield School District Administration Building. He also does not agree with the school district's interpretation of the concealed carry issue. He thinks what they are saying is if someone is carrying a firearm for a legitimate reason, it can be carried in a school building. He said he thinks there is some faulty thinking with that interpretation.

Commissioner D'Agostino closed the public hearing at 10:00 a.m.

**ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2021**

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Lehman;

**WHEREAS**, A public hearing was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 following the Commissioners' Meeting which starts at 9:15 a.m. for the designation of polling places for Ephrata Township – Murrell District; East Hempfield Township – Spring District; East Hempfield Township – Indian Springs District; East Hempfield Township – Kings District; Manheim Township – Seventh District; Manheim Township – Twelfth District.

**WHEREAS**, Proper notices of said hearing were posted by the Chief Clerk.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, That the Board hereby designates the following polling places effective with the 2021 Municipal Primary.

**FROM**

**Ephrata Township – Murrell District**

**TO**

Ephrata Township Municipal Building  
265 Akron Road  
Ephrata, PA 17522

LCBC Church – Ephrata Campus  
6 Hahnstown Road  
Ephrata, PA 17522

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**FROM**

**TO**

**East Hempfield Township – Kings District**

Hempfield School District  
Administration Building  
200 Church Street  
Landisville, PA 17538

Vietnamese Alliance Church  
3435 Nolt Road  
Landisville, PA 17538

**Manheim Township – Seventh District**

Neffsville Plumbing & Heating Services  
1208 Harrisburg Pike #101  
Lancaster, PA 17603

Residence Inn by Marriott Lancaster  
1450 Harrisburg Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17601

**Manheim Township – Twelfth District**

Grace United Church of Christ  
1947 New Holland Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17601

Harvest Bible Church  
1460 Eden Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601

Motion passed.

Commissioner Lehman	No
Commissioner Parsons -	Yes
Commissioner D'Agostino	Yes

**ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2021**

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Lehman;

**WHEREAS**, the following polling places are being moved for the 2021 Municipal Primary: East Hempfield Township – Spring District is moving temporarily from Community Fellowship Church to Hempfield Area Recreation Commission due to spring construction at the church; East Hempfield Township – Indian Springs District is moving from the Four Seasons Golf Complex to Vietnamese Alliance Church following the announcement of new management and impending construction in the complex.

\*Note: These polling place changes were originally approved on April 7, 2021; however, after the meeting, it was realized that these locations were listed incorrectly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, that the Chief Clerk be and is hereby directed to post the proper notices of the following proposed polling place changes effective with the May 18, 2021 Municipal Primary, and of hearing thereon to be held in the Commissioners Public Meeting Room #701, Lancaster County Government Center, 150 North Queen Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on April 21, 2021, following the Commissioners' public meeting which starts at 9:15 a.m.

**FROM**

**TO**

**East Hempfield Township – Spring District**

Community Fellowship Church  
200 Bethel Drive  
Lancaster, PA 17601

Vietnamese Alliance Church  
3435 Nolt Road  
Landisville, PA 17538

**East Hempfield Township – Indian Springs District**

Four Seasons Golf Complex  
949 Church Street  
Landisville, PA 17538

Hempfield Area Recreation Commission  
950 Church Street  
Landisville, PA 17538

Ms. Christina Hauser asked if it will be necessary for Ms. Miller to come before the Commissioners in the fall to have the polling places moved back to their previous locations. Ms. Miller said the polling places would stay where they are now unless she comes back to have them moved.

Commissioner Lehman said he will support the resolution because these changes are anticipated to be temporary.

Motion passed unanimously.

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Commissioner Lehman said there was a matter he wanted clarification on during a public meeting regarding the counting of after 8 p.m. ballots and the before 5 p.m. ballots for the November election. He said when this issue was updated recently from the Secretary of State, it was said that those votes have not been added into the totals. He said he finds that offensive and that the law is the law and those votes should have been counted. The fact that they are still in limbo really means that about 10,000 people in Pennsylvania have been disenfranchised. He said those votes should be added back into the final totals.

Commissioner Lehman said he received information on the after 8 p.m. and before 5 p.m. receipt of mail-in ballots that there is some question as to whether that was simply for the General Election in 2020 or for all elections going forward. He said if the Supreme Court's decision was only for a specific election, then folks must be made aware of that now. He thinks many folks are under the impression that that is going to be the standard going forward – that if your ballot is properly cast by 8 p.m. on Election Day but is received after 8 p.m. on Tuesday and by 5 p.m. on Friday that it is still going to count. If the Supreme Court's decision did not provide for that going forward, then there is going to be a lot of misinformed folks and some who will be disenfranchised and that is going to make people angry. He requested clarification on that point.

Commissioner Parsons said his perspective is that they will follow the law like they always have and there must be an end date to elections and normally that is 8 p.m. on Election Day.


Commissioner Lehman said the law was not followed in 2020 because about 10,000 legally cast votes statewide have still not been added to the final totals.

Commissioner Parsons said the law was followed and they were proven to be right.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Administrative Secretary  
Commissioners' Office