

LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020

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

The meeting of the Board of Elections was conducted remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic State of Emergency declaration. The public was invited to view and participate in a live, moderated broadcast.

Participating in today's meeting were:

Ray D'Agostino, Chairman
Terry Kauffman, Vice-Chairman
James Thomas, Esquire
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Lawrence M. George
CHIEF CLERK

Lisa Johnson
ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK

Also participating was:

Randall Wenger, Chief Clerk/Registrar
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced to postpone approval of the March 18, 2020 Election Board Minutes and May 13, 2020 Election Board Minutes.

ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2020

On motion of Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Thomas;

WHEREAS, the following polling place is being temporarily moved for the 2020 General Primary due to the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with Act 12 of 2020: Manheim Township – Thirteenth District is moving from Saint Thomas Episcopal Church to the Lancaster Airport.

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 polling place change effective with the June 2, 2020 General Primary on the Board of Elections' website.

FROM

TO

Manheim Township – Thirteenth District

Saint Thomas Episcopal Church
301 Saint Thomas Road
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Lancaster Airport
500 Airport Road
Lititz, Pennsylvania

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wenger said they have processed over 51,000 mail-in ballot applications and as of the beginning of this week they will be using their ballot printer for mail ballot fulfillment. He said this process has gone smoothly, noting the printer returns them via overnight mail and Monday's work is in the mail today. Voter registration closed on Monday, so they are finishing that work up as well and plan to get their street list files sent to the printer.

Mr. Wenger explained the Statewide system that all counties need to process applications has been running slow which creates additional challenges, but they have seen improvement in the last 24 hours. They are still waiting for PPE from the State, which is to be delivered this week. Commissioner D'Agostino pointed out we have our own PPE, however, Mr. Wenger stated he would like to save ours for November if possible. Mr. Wenger confirmed for Commissioner D'Agostino the mail-in/absentee ballot application process closes on May 26th and the Election Board will meet on May 29th at 2:00 p.m. for substitute poll worker appointments. They will also meet on Election Day at 8:00 a.m. to begin the process of opening the mail ballots and scanning them into the system. Mr. Wenger said they are still looking for poll workers and getting numerous offers each day, but training and filling the roles of judge of election remains the biggest challenge as social distancing requirements limit their maximum class size to three.

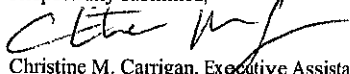
Mr. George reported there were no questions from the public.

Commissioner D'Agostino thanked Mr. Wenger, saying it is truly amazing what he and his team have done, noting the next herculean feat will be pulling off this election on June 2nd which he knows will be done in fine fashion, as we normally do here in Lancaster County.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Christine M. Carrigan, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office