BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2023 – 12:15 P.M.

Lucine Sihelnik, Chair
Honorable James E. Gavin, Vice Chair
Honorable Jill Gehman Koestel
Anne Norton, Chief Clerk
Christine M. Sadler, County Solicitor – not present
Cody L. Kauffman, First Assistant County Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER: 12:16 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Anne Norton noted that the wrong address was listed on the March 30 agenda for Reading 2-1. The address is listed correctly in the minutes and was correct in the Reading Eagle and in the notices sent to voters.

On the motion of Judge Koestel, seconded by Judge Gavin, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

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1. Polling Place Changes for the Upcoming 2023 Municipal Primary

On the motion of Judge Koestel, seconded by Judge Gavin, the Board approved the following polling locations for the upcoming 2023 Municipal Primary. Anne Norton stated notices will be mailed to affected voters

a. Ruscombmanor Township, Precinct 2 (Temporary)

From: Evergreen Country Club

415 Hartz Road Fleetwood, Pa 19522

To: Ruscombmanor Township Building

204 Oak Lane

Fleetwood, Pa 19522

b. Washington Township, Precinct 2 (Permanent)

From: Calvary United Church Of Christ

1231 Route 100 Barto, Pa 19504

To: Morning Star Fellowship

100 Limekiln Rd

Bechtelsville. Pa 19505

2. Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Testing

Anne Norton stated Logic and Accuracy testing will begin on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the County's South Campus in Mohnton, PA. This is the L&A testing of the precinct machines – DS200s and ExpressVote machines. The parties were notified and there is also a notice on the website.

Commissioner Sihelnik expressed excitement to attend and knows that the Election Department is following Election Code guidelines. Anne Norton explained the process, noting that the technicians will be loading the ballot onto the machines and then testing the machines to ensure they are functioning properly. The media was also invited to attend.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGARDING CURRENT ELECTION-RELATED ISSUES

None

CITIZEN COMMENT

Ruth Baker, Earl Township, made a comment about updating voter rolls. Ms. Baker said that for a number of years she has provided information to the Office of Election Services about deaths and people who move in her community. She said she has documents about 11 people she would like to provide to Election Services and asked about the proper way to submit it.

ADJOURNMENT: On the motion of Judge Galvin seconded by Judge Koestel, meeting was adjourned at 12:24 P.M.