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Carroll County Board of Elections
Board Minutes
June 12, 2020

Present:

Board

Griffith Manahan, President
Laura O'Callaghan, Vice-President
John Woodley, Secretary
Harvey Tegeler
Samuel Foster

Staff

Katherine Berry, Election Director
Paula Troxell, Deputy Director

Attorney

Jay Gullo

Call to Order & Welcome:

Mr. Manahan, President, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

The Board approved the open minutes from the meeting on May 6, 2020, on a motion from Mr. Tegeler, seconded by Mr. Woodley. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board approved the closed minutes from the meeting on March 16, 2020, on a motion from Mr. Tegeler, seconded by Mr. Woodley. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Report:

Mr. Gullo stated that he did not have a report but suggested that the Board consider a work session to discuss what went well and what didn't go well with the vote by mail election. Mr. Manahan agreed with Mr. Gullo's suggestion to have a work session and it will be held after the State makes a decision about the type of election that will be held in November.

Staff Report:

Ms. Berry stated that we learned a lot about the vote by mail process and will work to improve the areas that didn't go well. There has not been a decision made on the type of election that will be held for November. Ms. Berry stated that there is an Election Director's meeting being held on Thursday

June 18, 2020 and she hopes to learn more at the meeting. She said that the office had a successful election even with social distancing requirements. The vote centers went well, and all reports were balanced. Ms. Berry has not received any negative comments regarding the vote centers and will participate in a larger discussion during the June 19, 2020 meeting. She also clarified what “undeliverable” ballots mean. Ms. Berry stated that the one concern that she had was that voters were bringing “live” ballots to the vote centers on Election Day. Voters normally bring their sample ballots to the polls to help them complete their ballot but with a mail in election there were no sample ballots mailed to the voters so the ballot they were using as a sample was a “live” ballot. This issue will need to be addressed if the November election is conducted as a vote by mail election.

Mr. Manahan asked how does address issues and deceased voters get priority at the state level. Ms. Berry explained the Federal NVRA law that states must follow, SBE’s policy including receiving information from MVA. A brief discussion occurred regarding the address issues and the deceased voters.

Board Members Political Activities:

Mr. Tegeler donated \$50.00 to the Trump campaign and \$5.00 to the Carroll County Republican Central Committee.

Mr. Manahan donated \$50.00 to the Trump campaign.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

The next board meeting will be held on Friday June 19, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Tegeler; seconded by Ms. O’Callaghan to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.