

The Union County Board of Elections met on December 19, 2019. Those in attendance were Chairman Robert Parrott, Board Members William Steele, Rebecca Pokorski, and Dean Cook, Director Brandon Clay, Deputy Director Tina LaRoche, and Election Specialist Tyler Zuch. Thayne Gray from the Union County Prosecutor's Office and Michelle Forrider were also in attendance. Two members of the public, Barry Adler and Timothy Greer, sat in to observe the proceedings.

Chairman Parrott called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

December 3, 2019 Minutes

Minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting were presented, and no issues or concerns were raised.

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Board Member Steele and seconded by Board Member Cook.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

New Election Specialist

Board Chairman Parrott introduced Michelle Forrider to the Board as Tyler Zuch's replacement as the new Republican Election Specialist, who is leaving on December 31, 2019.

- A motion to approve Michelle Forrider's hire as the new Republican Election Specialist starting January 1, 2020 was made by Chairman Parrott and seconded by Board Member Steele.
 - A roll call vote proceeded as follows:
 - William Steele – Aye
 - Rebecca Pokorski – Aye
 - Dean Cook – Aye
 - Robert Parrott – Aye

Chairman Parrott then administered the Oath of Office to Election Specialist Forrider.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Parrott presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Election Specialist Zuch and thanked him for his service to the Union County Board of Elections.

Bills and Expenses

Deputy Director LaRoche presented the bills accrued since the previous meeting.

- A motion to approve the bills was made by Board Member Pokorski and seconded by Board Member Cook.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

Candidate Petitions

Director Clay presented a letter from Marjorie Scheiderer requesting that her petition for Republican Central Committee (Marysville 9) be withdrawn.

- A motion to accept the withdrawal was made by Board Member Cook and seconded by Board Member Pokorski.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

County-wide Petitions: the Staff presented the candidate petitions of Tony Eufinger (Dem.) – County Commissioner 1/2; Jerry McClary (Rep.) – County Commissioner 1/2; Andrew C. Smarra (Rep.) – County Commissioner 1/2; Kim Zacharias (Rep.) – County Commissioner 1/2; Rod Goddard (Rep.) – County Commissioner 1/3; David W. Phillips (Rep.) – Prosecuting Attorney; Kellie M. Carson (Rep.) – Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas; LeighAnn Merriman Moots (Dem.) – Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas; Karen J. Riffle (Rep.) – County Recorder; Beth Robinson Marshall (Rep.) – County Recorder; Salvatore Petrovia (Rep.) – County Recorder; Jeff Stauch (Rep.) – County Engineer; Sharon K. Robinson Walls (Rep.) – Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Probate/Juvenile Division); and Rick Rodger (Rep.) – Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Probate/Juvenile Division).

- A motion to certify the petitions of county-wide candidates to the ballot was made by Board Member Steele and seconded by Board Member Cook.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

County Central Committee: the Staff presented the central committee applications of the following candidates:

Democrats – Kay E. Raypholtz (Richwood 2), James F. Moots (Dover 2), Susan Heino (Jackson), Lauren Engler (Dublin City 1), Lauren J. Moir (Dublin City 2), Carolyn E. Vandyne (Leesburg), Rebecca Reagan (Marysville 2), Tina Owens Ruff (Marysville 7), John W. Wall Jr. (Marysville 8), Morgan C. Beeching (Marysville 9), Bobbette Torbert Quinlan (Marysville 14), Vanessa Prentice (Marysville 15), and Janet Sanderson (Washington).

Republicans – Jeffrey Lee Evans (Claibourne), Kenneth D. Bevis (Jackson), Tim Allen (Jerome 1), Kevin Thelen (Jerome 1), Kermit N. Morse III (Jerome 4), David L. Thornton (Liberty 1), Letitia A. Rayl (Marysville 1), Melissa A. Chase (Marysville 2), Carl Robert Coe (Marysville 3), Connie M. Sabins (Marysville 4), Stephen W. Badenhop (Marysville 5), Karen D. Haller (Marysville 7), Mary Ann Hyland (Marysville 8), Alicia M. Bosch (Marysville 14), Gary J. Lee (Paris), Steven R. Mapes (Milford Center), Randy C. Poland (Union), and Logan J. Rife (York).

- A motion to certify the candidates running for central committee to the ballot was made by Board Member Steele and seconded by Board Member Pokorski.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

Questions and Issues

Director Clay presented a letter from the Village of Magnetic Springs to the Board requesting that the levy that were improperly worded be withdrawn from the ballot.

- A motion to accept the withdrawal of the levy was made by Board Member Steele and seconded by Board Member Cook.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

Director Clay presented the paperwork for Marysville 1 Texas Roadhouse – Sunday Sales (by petition), Jerome Township UI Fire 3.5 mills (additional), Dover Township Fire (renewal), Village of Magnetic Springs current expenses (renewal), Millcreek Township Fire (renewal), and York Township Fire (renewal) to the Board. The staff recommended the issues be certified to the ballot.

- A motion to approve the questions and issues to the ballot was made by Board Member Steele and seconded by Board Member Pokorski.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

Director Clay presented the Jerome Township Zoning Referendum petition to the Board and stated that the petitioners had garnered enough valid signatures. Thayne Gray from the Union County Prosecutor's Office said there is a pending court case involving Jerome Township and developers that could nullify the referendum. He believed it would be proper to certify the referendum to the ballot.

- A motion to certify the referendum petition to the ballot was made by Board Member Pokorski and seconded by Board Member Cook.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

2019 Budget YTD Report

Deputy Director LaRoche distributed and discussed the up-to-date budget for 2019.

Campaign Finance

All post-general campaign finance reports that the Staff received and checked since the last meeting were presented to the Board.

- A motion to accept the campaign finance reports was made by Board Member Cook and seconded by Board Member Pokorski.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

Directive 2019-08 Security Update

Director Clay gave the Board an update on the status of the Staff's implementation of the Secretary of State's Security Directive.

Misc.

-Election Specialist Zuch presented a request from County Commissioner Charles Hall where he wanted to know if the county could put up a poster with census information up in the voting space during the election. The Board stated that no non-election materials should be put up at the polling locations on Election Day. The Board wanted to see the poster before they decided on whether they would put it up in the Office.

-Director Clay presented the 2020 OAEO Winter Conference Agenda to the Board.

-Director Clay showed the Board a new spreadsheet of required signatures needed for getting issues and local options on the ballot in the precincts the Board added/adjusted since the 2018 gubernatorial election.

- A motion to approve the new signature spreadsheet was made by Board Member Pokorski and seconded by Chairman Parrott.
 - The motion passed with 3 votes in favor, with Board Member Cook abstaining.

-The Board discussed the latest Background Policy draft.

Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Cook and seconded by Board Member Steele.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Parrott closed the Meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Attest:



Brandon Clay, Director

Chairman:



Robert W. Parrott, Chairman