Union County Board of Elections met on May 12, 2020. Those in attendance were Robert Parrott, Chairman; Dean Cook, Board Member; William Steele, Board Member; Rebecca Pokorski, Board Member; Brandon Clay, Director; Tina LaRoche, Deputy Director; Michelle Forrider, Election Specialist; Theresa Hook, Election Specialist; Rick Rodgers, Candidate; Sharron Robinson Walls, Candidate and Prosecutor Dave Phillips.

Official Canvas

Chairman Parrott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Rule on Provisionals

Director Clay presented the Provisional ballots to the Board.

Board Member Pokorski made a motion to accept 127 Provisional ballots that were in County address change, name change, had requested absentees, ballots that fell under the APRI rule and the "no reason" ones. Seconded by Board Member Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

Pending Board Decision

Board Member Steele made motion to remake 2 ballots employee sent out wrong ballot. Board Member Cook seconds the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Member Cook made a motion to remake 1 wrong ballot sent, Board Member Pokorski seconds that motion. The Board of Elections discovered that the right ballot did not have an issue only ballot. The motion was passed unanimously.

Recommend too reject

Board Member Cook motions to reject 17 ballots were not registered voters. Board Member Pokorski seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Member Steele motions to reject 14 ballots with no postmarks. Board Member Cook seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Member Steele made the motion to reject 23 ballots received that did not request one. Board Member Pokorski seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Member Steele made a motion to reject 1 ballot that had no ID envelope sent back with ballot. Board Member Cook seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Rule on Absentee

Board Member Pokorski motions to add to official count the 153 Absentee ballots postmarked on time. Board Member Cook seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Recommended to reject

Board Member Cook motions to reject 62 ballots that were postmarked late. Board Member Pokorski seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Member Pokorski motions to reject 26 ballots that were missing information. Board Member Cook seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Member Steele motions to reject 2 ballots that were name and address changes. Board Member Cook seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Member Steele motions to reject 11 ballots that had no postmark. Board Member Cook seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Member Steele motions to reject 7 ballots that were undeliverable. Board Member Cook seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Member Pokorski motions to remake 8 ballots that were torn. Board Member Cook seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Election Review

Director Clay and Deputy Director LaRoche were both pleased the election given all the challenges with the last-minute changes and global pandemic. The office was able to make changes on the fly.

Audit

Board Members agree to set Audit date for May 21st at 8 a.m. They agreed to audit the Democratic President race, Republican County Commissioners race and the Republican Probate Juvenile Judge. All were in agreement that they would conduct the audit by precinct. The 2 precincts drawn were Jerome 5(203 votes) and Dublin City 1(312 votes). They agreed to approve all full- time and part-time, board member and election support vendors could handle these ballots.

Board Member Cook motions to approve the rules of the audit. Board Member Pokorski seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Approved Board Minutes

Board Member Steele motions to approve previous board minutes from March 3, 2020, March 19, 2020, April 17, 2020 and April 28, 2020. Board Member Cook seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bills

Board Member Steele motions to approve bills. Board Member Cook seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Campaign Finance

Board Member Pokorski motions to approve campaign finance. Board Member Cook seconds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Budget Review

Deputy LaRoche presented the board with the updates budget. She asked to board to consider ways to make us more secure in the upcoming Election season.

Covid-19 plan

The Board agreed to keep staff on split schedule and to be closed to the public until they discussed again in the June board meeting.

Misc

Director Clay informed the board that there would be no August special election.

Chairman Parrot adjourns meeting at 12:27p.m.

Attest: While Department

Michelle Forrider, Election Specialist

Robert Parrott, Chairman