



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE - BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Legislators Dennis Mullen, W. Jake Brown, Ronald Ciotoli, and William Standinger  
Commissioner James Wahls, Deputy Commissioner Kelly Johnson  
Guests: Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell; Legislative Chair Martha Sauerbrey

APPROVAL OF MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES

Motion by Legislator Brown, seconded by Legislator Standinger, all in favor, carried.

FINANCIAL

YTD Budget Report was presented. No discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

Refer to March Minutes.

Designating petition filing in progress. As of last week, the State extended the filing deadline from April 6<sup>th</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup> due to the Passover holiday.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wahls met with the Tioga County Treasurer, Personnel Officer, and staff from both departments on March 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss how to best comply with IRS tax reporting requirements for election inspectors (poll workers) moving forward. It was concluded that election inspectors should all be paid as county employees, but the details are to be determined this year and take effect in 2024. The committee noted that this could be a significant barrier to recruitment, as well as an additional expense, due to all the mandatory trainings required of county employees and was interested to know if anyone has reached out to Roemer's law office for advisement. Commissioner Wahls will find out.

The Board of Elections IMS server has been experiencing intermittent communication issues with the NYSVoter database, which has been ongoing for months. County ITCS is coordinating with the NYS Board of Elections network team to try to identify the cause.

New Election Inspector Training is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. After contacting prospective poll workers and only getting a few sign-ups, we sent a press release to the local newspapers for additional recruitment.

To prepare for the upcoming training classes and June primary, we have begun ePollbook maintenance procedures which should improve ePollbook performance. This will take time as we have 68 units, and it takes about 2 hrs per unit.

Following petition filing, we will know more about which offices in Tioga County will have primary races. The BOE must certify the primary ballot by May 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### PERSONNEL

Commissioner Layman is expected back to work on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS – None

Meeting adjourned.