AUGUST 18, 2020

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met in Room 118 of the Cumberland County Courthouse at 1:00PM for their regular monthly meeting.

Present:

Floyd W. Johnson, Jr., Chairman

Bobby Swilley, Member

Terri Robertson, Director Helen Nelson [arrived late]

Staff:

Angie Amaro

Guests:

Rick Moorfield, County Attorney. Rudy Smith and Peter Apone.

Linda Devore, Secretary

Irene Grimes, Member

Chairman Floyd Johnson called the meeting to Order at 1:00PM, welcomed guests, and presented the Agenda.

ACTION:

Member Grimes moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Seconded and passed unanimously. [Nelson not present]

Director Robertson announced there are no member of the public signed up for comments.

Secretary Devore presented minutes from the July 14, 2020 Board meeting for approval.

ACTION:

Member Grimes moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020 meeting.

Approved unanimously. [Nelson not present]

Director Robertson presented board members with a recommended Absentee Meeting schedule for the November election. Due to the large anticipated volume of absentee ballots, meetings need to begin at 9AM. There will be five weeks of Absentee Meetings this year, beginning September 29th. The recommendation is for two meetings a week during the first two weeks, and five days a week during the next three weeks, as well as meetings during Election and Canvass weeks. All Absentee meetings will be in our regular board meeting room at the BOE offices. Board members and minimal staff will be distanced in the room. The meetings will be accessible to the public, though there is not sufficient space to be present in the room.

We also have a Provisional Meeting on Nov 12th and Canvass on Nov 13th. Our regular monthly meeting on Sept 8th will meet [here] in Room 118.

Absentee Meetings:

9AM meetings: September 29

October 1,6,8,13, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30.

November 2, 9, 11, and 12.

2PM meeting on Election Day, November 3.

ACTION:

Secretary Devore moved to adopt the Absentee Meeting schedule presented

by the Director.

Seconded and passed unanimously. [Nelson not present]

Director Robertson reported that there will not be printed bookmarks to pass out with Early Voting sites and hours this year to minimize handling by multiple people. Instead, we plan to mail the sites, dates, and times to every household in the county, explaining how to register, how to get an absentee ballot, and one-stop—all the information. Posters will be printed for public spaces. We are also looking at additional county office space to allow permanent staff and temps to work in teams while distancing. We expect 12-16 or more temps will be needed for the large volume of absentees. The additional space will be used for data entry. Ballots will remain at the BOE office. The State has CARES Act funding available for our sanitizing supplies, and we have ordered a large quantity of sanitizer, masks, gloves, and cleaning supplies.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18PM.

Next scheduled monthly meeting: September 8, 1:00PM

Submitted by,

Linda Devore, Segretary

Chairman

Member

Director

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