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June 9, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Drexel called the Board of Elections meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Chris Drexel- Chair, Rock Copeland- Vice Chair, Ellen Shauerman, and Terry Scutella

Also Present: Karen Chillcott, Megan Moore, Tom Talarico, Esq., and Tonia Fernandez

Hearing of the Public

Freda Tepfer, City of Erie: Ms. Tepfer stated she had concerns regarding the contract. She expressed her appreciation to the Board, and all involved with the elections.

Margaret Watts, Washington Township: Ms. Watts expressed her appreciation to the Board. She listed multiple questions on the acceptance of ballots and keeping the public well informed.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

April 17, 2025 Board of Elections Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2025, was made by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 4-0.

Yea-All
Nay-None

Election Report

An Election Report was offered by Karen Chillcott. She stated that there were no present concerns about the website, and everything appears to be in good working order. She went on to say that the election was good and there were no issues. Some discussion was held about the write-in process and where it stood currently. She expressed kudos to the entire Elections department.

New Business

Possible Certification of the 2025 Municipal Primary Election Results

A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman to certify the election results, seconded by Mr. Copeland., and carried 4-0.

Yea-All
Nea-None

Possible Approval of Resolution 5 of 2025 Awarding the RFP for the Learning Management System Software for Online Poll Worker Training

Some discussion noted. It was decided to have Attorney Talerico prepare a contract for County Council to review and make a final decision. A motion to table the vote was made by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried-4-0.

Yea-All
Nay-None

Possible Approval of Resolution 3 of 2025 Authorizing the Purchase of Sentinel Smart Mail Ballot Drop Boxes from Runbeck Election Services (Tabled 4/17/25)

A motion to un-table Resolution 3, 2025 was made by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 4-0.

Yea-All
Nay-None

Some discussion was held concerning the Smart Mail Drop Boxes. Attorney Talarico suggested that the vote should be tabled until he has the opportunity to go over the contract. A motion was made to table Resolution 3, 2025 by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 4-0.

Yea-All
Nay-None

Questions and Comments from the Board

Both Chair Drexel and Mrs. Schauerman voiced appreciation to the office of Voter Registration and to all that were involved with the election.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Copeland and the meeting adjourned at 11:02am.