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11-6-25 BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 P.M. by Chairman Chris Drexel.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present were Chairman Drexel, Vice Chairman Copeland, and members Schauerman and Scutella. Also present were County Clerk Chillcott, Deputy County Clerk Moore, and Director of Elections Tonia Fernandez.

Hearing of the Public

Freda Tepfer-City of Erie, speaker stated that she was upset that she was not allowed to have her phone unlocked so that she can access her notes for this meeting. She said that this was her official complaint. She expressed her thoughts and the ideas of other poll workers who liked that the supplies for the election were clearly marked but made some suggestions that they feel would be helpful going forward. Her next concern is that some workers were unable to access the online training application. It is not clear if this was a problem with the app itself or user error. She concluded with concerns about voter ID and the Erie County curing process. Ms. Tepfer suggested that the Elections Department reach out to other counties to see what their procedure may be.

New Business

Resolution 7, 2025, "Recommending the Release of Funds and Authorizing the Purchase of New Printers, Extended Printer Trays, and New Tabulators for Polling Locations"

County Clerk spoke about requesting funds from council to purchase some new printers and printer trays as well as upgrade current scanners and tabulators. This would take place over several years as funds become available. Mrs. Schauerman asked where the funds were coming from. Ms. Chillcott stated that the funds were from the Election Integrity Grant. Mr. Copeland made a motion to accept, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman. Motion carried, 4-0. It was stated that this motion would move the resolution forward for Council's consideration.

Yea: All
Nay: None

Questions and Comments from the Board

All Board of Election members and Ms. Chillcott offered thanks and appreciation for the ease of the election. They stated that everything went well and offered their thanks. Ms. Fernandez gave a brief update on the election with more to follow.

Adjournment

Chairman Drexel adjourned the meeting at 3:20 P.M.

