

Board of Elections Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 5th, 2021

Meeting Attendees:

Election Commissioner Wahls, Legislators Balliet, Mullen, Standinger, and Sullivan
Absent: Commissioner Toombs

September Minutes approval: First by Legislator Sullivan, seconded by Legislator Standinger.

Financial Update/Budget:

2021 YTD Budget Report attached.

First claim reimbursement of \$31,594.95 received for Cybersecurity Remediation Grant, mainly for new switches for countywide/BOE cyber security. Contracts for the EVE and TIER Grants that were approved last month are to be signed by the County Treasurer following this meeting.

Old Business:

First annual report for new cyber security regulations was submitted to NYSBOE. Tioga County ITCS has agreed to ensure compliance with the new regulation. Only two items on the checklist have not been completed, with target to complete by early next year.

Information for this year's local ballot proposals is posted to the BOE web page, with link to NYSBOE web page for information on statewide ballot proposals.

No updates on the pending legislation reported last month.

New Business:

BOE Box Truck Update – Commissioners met with DPW Commissioner Hammond to discuss, and have discussed further with Legislator Balliet. Current plan appears to be for BOE to hire two part-time drivers for delivery of voting machines each election, training to be provided by DPW, and DPW will be able to use the BOE box truck at any point the rest of the year. Some details are still under discussion.

BOE Staffing and Space Requirements – Meeting with Commissioner Hammond also involved discussion of BOE need for more space, walkthrough review of current layout. A meeting involving all departments with space in HHS A-frame would be beneficial, so everyone's needs can be accommodated.

The first 800 absentee ballots were mailed directly from the printer, seems to be cost effective for managing the large first batch of ballots. Absentee ballot stock was also ordered for the office for new absentee applications.

Election Day Ballots to be ordered this week or next.

The upcoming Early Voting period is October 23-31, dates and hours are posted on our web page. Legislator Sullivan requested the cost per voter for Early Voting at the 2021 Primary Election.

Election Inspector assignments were mailed 10/1 and 10/4. Interest in being a poll worker was low this year. Several polling locations will be short poll workers and we do not have substitutes available if any more cancel. However, we are still in much better shape than we were for the 2020 Primary Election, where we only had half the requisite number of workers due to the pandemic.

We also plan to make contact with WEBO in the near future to help distribute information for the upcoming election.

Personnel and Resolutions: None