

Board of Elections Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Meeting Attendees:

Election Commissioners Toombs & Wahls

Legislators Standing, Sullivan, Sauerbrey, Mullen, and Balliet

March Minutes approval: First by Legislator Mullen, seconded by Legislator Standing.

Financial Update/Budget:

2021 YTD Budget Report attached

Old Business:

Enrollment/Party changes are on hold from Feb 16 – June 28.

New Business:

The number of required signatures for 2021 Designating Petitions was reduced by 70% due to the pandemic, Opportunity to Ballot Petitions (OTB) were disallowed, and Independent Petition signature requirements were reduced by 50%. Our Running for Elective Office booklet has been updated on our website.

Republican primary elections will be held in the towns of Barton, Berkshire, Newark Valley, and Owego.

Our NTS Suite software was upgraded, making further progress toward full transition to Suite from the legacy TEAM software.

Dominion training (Tech 1&2) was held March 16-18 and attended by both new staff. Dominion EMS training will be held April 27-29, and we plan for our new VMT to attend.

Commissioners and VMTs attended Clear Ballot Training/Virtual Conference online March 23 & 24.

Voting Booths/Signage were rented out for Owego Village Election on March 16th.

Candor, Owego-Apalachin and Waverly CSD have requested our services for school elections on May 18th. A contract was executed with Candor CSD, and we are awaiting signed contracts from OACSD and WCSD.

Dominion annual software maintenance and extended warranty for current 8 ICP Scanners is due for renewal. Legislators agreed that we should pursue the up-front payment option for 3-year coverage, which is the most cost effective, although the BOE has budgeted for annual payments. Commissioners will follow up with Chief Accountant for procedure and report to the next worksession.

A spring newsletter was sent to our Election Inspectors via email and posted on our web page, recapping 2020 elections and keeping the inspectors apprised of what to expect in 2021.

We are moving the polling location for Owego districts 8, 11, and 14 from the Owego Town Hall board room to the community room in the new highway building, as it is a larger space and will better accommodate three election districts.

New ICE voting machines will be ready for delivery in May, but we expect to postpone delivery until July after the Primary Election due to space limitations. Per our discussion of what to do with the old machines, we will have Dominion take them off our hands when they deliver the new ones.

Personnel:

None

Resolutions:

None