# **BLAIR COUNTY**

# 2022 Board of Elections Minutes Monday, September 27, 2022 3:00 p.m.,

In attendance was Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Erb, County Administrator Hemminger, Assistant County Admin Senkevich and Election Director Seymour, Solicitor Karn and Assistant Director Clapper.

Members of the public in attendance: Kay Stephen, Altoona Mirror, Janet Wasserman and Randy Eckman

Commissioner Webster began the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Webster asked for public comment. Janet Wasserman, Hollidaysburg commented on what is required of the Election Integrity Grant and how Blair County plans on cleaning up the voting rolls.

Randy Eckman, Roaring Spring, commented on how the 2020 Election was fixed and information obtained from Doug Franklin and Mike Lindell and other articles.

Approval of the minutes from the April 25, 2022 board meeting. Commissioner Erb motions to approve – Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Election Director Seymour requested Approval of Polling Place changes for the November 8, 2022 Election as follows:

#### • Altoona 2-1

- oFrom: MDJ, 615 4th Street, Altoona
- $\circ$  To: Altoona Junior High Athletic Doors, 1400  $7^{\text{th}}$  Avenue, Altoona

#### • Altoona 3-1

- oFrom: Blair Senior Services, 1320 12th Avenue, Altoona
- oTo: Altoona Junior High Athletic Doors, 1400 7th Avenue, Altoona

## • Altoona 4-1

- oFrom: The Vineyard Church, 801 Pleasant Valley Blvd, Altoona
- oTo: Altoona School District Field House, 1415 6th Avenue, Altoona

#### Altoona 4-2

- oFrom: The Vineyard Church, 801 Pleasant Valley Blvd, Altoona
- oTo: Altoona School District Field House, 1415 6th Avenue, Altoona

#### Altoona 6-4

- oFrom: The Mill, 2400 8th Avenue, Altoona
- oTo: Altoona Bible Church, 3017 Union Avenue, Altoona

#### Altoona 7

- Abundant Life Assembly of God Church, 231 Howard Avenue, Altoona Irving Elementary School, 110 East Cherry Avenue, Altoona
- **Altoona 8-2** (Altoona 2-2 will remain at the ARC to vote)
  - o The ARC of Blair County, 431 Jackson Avenue, Altoona
  - o Washington and Jefferson School, 420 1st Avenue, Altoona

## • Frankstown Twp 1

Scotch Valley Grange Hall, 2016 Turkey Valley Road, Hollidaysburg
Frankstown Elementary School, 2463 Reservoir Road, Hollidaysburg

## Hollidaysburg Boro 1

- oHollidaysburg Library, 1 Furnace Road, Hollidaysburg
- oHollidaysburg Area Senior High (Auditorium entrance) 1501 N. Montgomery Street, Hollidaysburg

### Hollidaysburg Boro 2

- oBlair Regional YMCA, 1111 Hewitt Street, Hollidaysburg
- oHollidaysburg Area Senior High (Auditorium entrance) 1501 N. Montgomery Street, Hollidaysburg

## • Hollidaysburg Boro 5

- oLutheran Home at Hollidaysburg, 916 Hickory Street, Hollidaysburg
- oBlair Regional YMCA, 1111 Hewitt Street, Hollidaysburg

## • Logan Twp 6

- oFrom: Greenwood United Methodist Church, 1505 E. Walton Avenue
- ∘To: Logan Elementary School, 301 Sycamore Avenue, Altoona

# • Martinsburg Boro 1

- o From: Martinsburg Church of God, 123 South Market St, Martinsburg
- oTo: Martinsburg Elementary School, 415 East Spring Street, Martinsburg

# • Roaring Spring Boro 1

- oFrom: Garver YMCA, 820 Grove Street, RSpring
- oTo: Spring Cove Elementary School, 137 Spring Cove Drive, RSpring

# • Roaring Spring Boro 3

- oFrom: Garver YMCA, 820 Grove Street, RSpring
- oTo: Spring Cove Elementary School, 137 Spring Cove Drive, RSpring

Director Seymour stated postcards will be sent to each affected voter, notices were posted for 5 days within the district and A-Frame signs will appear at the old polling locations to let the voters know of the new locations.

Commissioner Burke motioned to approve, Commissioner Erb seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

A discussion followed regarding accepting Act 88 funding.

Commissioner Webster stated that Act 88 requires 24 hour continuous counting of mail-in ballots. This would require counting in the middle of the night. Blair County could draw on employees working the nightshift to obtain results as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Burke stated that we would have to continuously count the ballots to accept the grant money. We have a good process in place to count the ballots and we would need to make a few adaptations for the future.

Commissioner Erb stated that he is fully in support of accepting the grant. The administration of elections has ballooned in recent years. He is willing to put in the time, twice a year, to obtain the grant funding.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.