

ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

2014 was the second full year for Commissioners Michael McCormick and Richard G. Hollis here at the Allegany County Board of Elections, with Mike being reappointed to a 4 year term and Rick being 2 years into a 4 year term.

In 2014 we re-districted the Town of Amity from one Election District to two Election Districts. This change was due to the number of registered voters being over the 1150 limit. We continue to have 33 of 34 poll sites into 100% compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 2014, fifth year of using the optical scan voting machines, there were no reported problems or complaints. The general ballot was of 17 inch length (except for one town it had a 22 inch ballot) and no paper jams were had. Ultrafine point Sharpies were provided for ballot marking as well as write-in votes.

We held **15** inspector training classes at the Allegany County Jail Complex in August, training **164** inspectors/alternates, with the average class being **11-16** inspectors. With the extra inspectors that were trained, we were able to be **completely** staffed with **4** inspectors per district at each poll site for the General Election.

The Deputy Commissioners were again able to program our ballots on the EMS (Election Management System) with minimal hurdles. We continue to use Phoenix Graphics for printing the ballots and absentee ballots.

Uploading of the General Election results to the County website began at **9:35pm** and continued to **10:55pm** (being the last upload). Results were read directly from the SD cards from the machines. It is now state law that results are obtained in this manner. This is the fourth year of extreme generous help from 5 of our Deputy Sheriff's collecting and returning all Election Day materials to the BOE. This continues to be more efficient & secure manner than previous years.

ELECTIONS 2014:

PETITIONS AND CAUCUSES: 77 Republican, Democratic, Independence, Conservative and Independent nominating petitions were filed for County and town positions up for elections. 3 Caucus Certificates of Nomination were filed for town offices.

PRIMARY ELECTION: September 10, 2014

Primary Elections were Democrat & Independence across the County, a local Democrat primary in 1 Town (Allen) and a Republican Primary held in 2 Towns (Amity & Friendship) for local positions. The Affidavit ballots received was **57**; counted **38**, voided **19**. Absentee ballots issued **626**; returned **433**; counted **417**, voided **16**. Voter turnout: ranged from **1 to 28%**, giving a **6%** average in person turn out. The mandatory 3% audit (hand count of all paper ballots cast) of voting machines was done on the machine for **Centerville**. Results of the audit were 100% in agreement with the machine totals.

GENERAL ELECTION: November 4, 2014

Candidates on the ballot were: Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General, State Supreme Court Justice 8th Judicial District, Representative in Congress, State Senator, Assemblyman, County Sheriff, offices in **13** towns (Alfred, Allen, Amity, Andover, Belfast, Birdsall, Burns, Centerville, Cuba, Friendship, Genesee, West Almond and Wirt) and the Village of Wellsville (this was the 2nd year of the BOE running the Village Election), with **3** propositions at the State level and **2** town propositions (in Birdsall & West Almond). Affidavit ballots received **108**; counted **106**, voided **2**. Absentee ballots issued **734**; returned **550**; counted **524**, voided **26**. Voter turnout: **51%** in person. The mandatory 3% audit (hand count of all paper ballots cast) of voting machines was done on the machine for **Alma**. Results of the audit were 100% in agreement with the machine totals.

We continue to charge back inspector training, wages, and mileage as well as the costs to set up the machines to the towns.

VOTER REGISTRATION, ENROLLMENT AND LIST MAINTENANCE: At the close of registration on Oct 10th, there were **23927** voters eligible to cast ballots in the General Election. We processed **3309** registrations, **1105** purged registrations and processed **208** changes of enrollment. County Enrollment: April **24396**; October **23967**.

Mail Check – **23,973** individual voter cards were sent, **1533** cards were returned.

We sent out **1438** confirmation notices, **2** notices were returned undeliverable.

Michael McCormick, Commissioner

Richard Hollis, Commissioner