

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
February 6, 2019

ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Committee Members Present: S. Havey, J. Burdick, K. Graves, B. Harris, J. Ricci, D. Root, P. Stockin, C. Crandall

Others Present: L. Ballengee, G. Barnes, T. Boyde, P. Curran, D. Decker, W. Dibble, D. Fanton, D. Healy, J. Hopkins, C. Knapp, M. McCormick, B. Reynolds, B. Riehle, T. Ross, T. Shaw, M. Washer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:51 p.m. by Committee Chairman Steve Havey.

Media Present: C. Potter – *The Spectator*

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried to approve the minutes of January 3, 2019.

A motion was made by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to approve the minutes of January 25, 2019.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried to enter into Executive Session at 2:52 p.m. to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular individual. Immediately following discussion at 3:29 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried to end the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting.

Insurance Policy Waiver

A request was made to waive the 31-day deadline for enrollment in the County's Health Insurance Plan. A motion was made by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried to adhere to the terms and conditions stipulated in the policy. (Abstained: D. Root)

Board of Elections Updates

Elections Commissioners Brent Reynolds and Mike McCormick attended the meeting and distributed the following updates on voting and petitions.

- Designating petitions will begin on February 26, 2019.
- Filing dates are from April 1 through April 4.
- The state and local primary will be held on June 25, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Reynolds noted that this change will be a cost savings to our towns and County. Had it been implemented in 2018, there would have been a savings of over \$23,000.
- Mail Check Cards, also known as yellow cards, will be mailed the week of April 16.
- The Friendship poll site has been changed and is now ADA approved. The new site will be at the Friendship Bible Baptist Church.
- Early voting will be held October 25 through November 3 and will be done in-house with Deputies manning the hours. The internal cost is estimated at \$2,500 which includes the costs of ballots and test decks.

Mr. Reynolds stated that electronic poll books will be passed sooner than later by Governor Cuomo; however, at this time it will not affect Allegany County. It should be considered for the future as early voting grows, but for the next couple of years there is no need for anything as the law stands today. There will be a process for state certification for the electronic poll books; however, it will not be cost effective to consider making any purchases at this point in time. Legislator Harris asked if there is an estimate on the cost of electronic poll books. Mr. Reynolds stated he does not have that information, but will know more after attending his next Region 6 meeting. Mr. Reynolds noted that as currently written in the law, totals for early voting will not be done until the close of the General Election. Legislator Healy noted that any towns that still hold a caucus need to be aware to have them done in a timely fashion.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer, Confidential Secretary to Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators