

May 12, 2022

Westmoreland County Board of Elections

General Primary Election of May 17, 2022

The Westmoreland County Board of Elections met in Special Session on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the Westmoreland County Courthouse, Commissioners Public Meeting Rooms, 2 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA. The following were present: Chairman Sean Kertes, Vice-Chairman Douglas W. Chew, Secretary Gina Cerilli Thrasher and County Solicitor Melissa A. Guiddy.

The following business was conducted:

Mr. Kertes called the meeting to order at 10:16am

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the Election Board held April 25, 2022, as presented

Opportunity for Public Comment

Nichol Harshman – national advocate and organizer, running for PA house district 56. I have emailed each County Commissioner to ban sub minimum wage in PA. I'm asking each county commissioner to sign on to this letter, to go to PA lawmakers, could you please support this. Also asking you to expand ballot drop box, one drop box is a form of voter suppression. I ask you invest into funding into public housing, at the last Housing Authority meeting, the board patted themselves on the back instead of removing mold from people's houses. Please check into the Housing Authority and how they are spending funding. We should not be met with any opposition for people under the Housing Authority. Also, here to request that you invest pandemic relief in community spaces that have been ignored. Westmoreland has inadequate mental health resources, I ended up hospitalized because my immune system couldn't fight a tooth infection. My insurance is refusing to cover it, asking you to work with state legislature and Medicaid to pay for these things. They are supposed to pay for these things, I was hospitalized and almost died because a simple tooth infection that was fully covered under my insurance. Can the County Commissioners form committee to find out why Medicaid is not covering these kinds of things? People have lost homes, jobs, lives – this money should be spent on people directly and not on parking garages.

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items:

- 1) Aaron Slonecki as an authorized individual to serve as a Westmoreland County Courthouse Lower Park Drop Box Monitor

- 2) The following authorized individuals to review and count Provisional Ballots for the General Primary Election of May 17, 2022 commencing on Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9am:

Steve Yakopenic
Brian Matson
Fred Collins
Diane Wadsworth
Jodi Schweizer

Ross Farber
Rich Gray
Mary Yeager
Greg Kline
Nikki Watson

Alternates:
Wilson Ragen
Brenda Bedont

Alternates:
Jan Derco
Jamison Beard

And additional individuals as needed to serve on the Provisional Board, provided that the count is conducted by one Democrat and one Republican

- 3) Those individuals on the Machine Inspector list for the May 17, 2022 General Primary Election.

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:22am

Certified by,

Gina Cerilli Thrasher, Esq.

Secretary