

Monroe County Board of Elections

MINUTES

March 15, 2024

Attendance: Board Members: Sam Bennett, Mary Chambliss, Linda Davis, Rosalyn Harbuck, and Jimmy Zellner

Staff: Kaye Warren

Meeting was called to order and opened with prayer.

The meeting was being held on Friday March 15 instead of the regularly scheduled March 11 meeting to allow the Board to certify the results of the March 12 PPP.

Warren presented printouts of the numbers from the March 12 election for the Board's information. There was a brief discussion of the numbers and the fact that the voter turnout was very small. Warren reported that the Primary had gone very smoothly with one exception. A representative for the Secretary of State's Office had come in to vote during the Early Election. He reported that complaints had been received that the voting stations (the BMDs) were not located so as to provide the required privacy for the voters – that the screens could be viewed from the second and third floor balconies and offices. He was unable to offer any suggested corrections but informed the office that corrections would have to be made before the May Primaries. The Commissioners' Office was made aware of the problem and has promised to work to help the staff correct the issue. As a temporary measure, two of the eight voting stations were removed in an attempt to help rectify the concern for this round of Early Voting.

Each of the Board members then signed the Certification Form to be submitted to the Secretary of State.

Qualifying for the upcoming Republican and Democratic Primary scheduled for May 21, 2024 had occurred the week of March 4-8. The Republican Party had held the qualifying for its candidates. The Democratic Party had indicated that they did not have anyone to qualify. The Elections Office had handled the qualifying for Independent and Nonpartisan candidates. Warren shared the final listing with the Board. Early Voting for the primaries will begin on April 29 for the required three weeks including two Saturdays.

Harbuck reported that the push to reduce the number of precincts in the county from the current fourteen (14) had been placed on the "back burner" until at least after the upcoming primaries and Renaud had been assigned other priorities. Therefore, the invitation to the Commissioners to meet with the Board had been postponed.

Harbuck thanked the members for their attendance and reminded them of the next Board meeting on Monday April 14 at 4 pm.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned