

# Warren County Board of Elections Meeting

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November 29, 2012

4:30 PM

## **MINUTES**

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Gloria Decker, Chair for the Board called the meeting to order at 4:50 PM. Roll Call was taken with Board Secretary, Anthony Wyhopen, Commissioner Harry Brown and Bill Duffy, Administrator in attendance. Commissioner Robert Stead entered the meeting at 5:20PM

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

The legal notice for this meeting was read by Mr. Duffy.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Louis Cartabona of 1119 Fifth Ave, Alpha NJ step forward to speak. He stated that there were long lines in Alpha on Election Day with only 2 districts.

### **GENERAL ELECTION**

#### **Final Reports**

Mr. Duffy informed the Board that the County Clerk's office had sent the final reports to the State on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Extraordinary Costs caused by Super Storm Sandy**

Mr. Duffy provided the Board with the extraordinary costs because of the storm. He stated that he would submit these costs to FEMA through the County Administration to attempt to receive some compensation to cover the costs.

#### **Overtime for the Office Staff**

During the week preceding the Election the Courthouse was closed because there was no power. The Board discussed the paying of the office staff overtime for working the Thursday and Friday. Mr. Duffy considered their work essential for the election and the office had been ordered open by the Lt. Governor.

#### **Board Observations**

- There were line in almost every Polling Place
- Need to make sure that the "Vote Here Today" signs are outside. In one polling place it was inside the door
- The large Sample Ballot signed did not seem to have any affect.
- The office did receive a call that there should have been more sample ballots available. People could not see them from where they were standing in line.
- Mr. Brown appreciated that a voter in Belvidere who had heard of a possible issue came to the Board first, and then checked it out himself. This is different then some people who run to the press immediately.

#### **Executive Session**

A motion for Executive Session for Legal and Personnel affairs with no action anticipated was made by Harry Brown and seconded by Tony Wyhopen. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:00 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 6:30 PM on a motion by Harry Brown and seconded by Tony Wyhopen. The motion was approved unanimously. No Action was taken during the Executive Session.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:30 PM by Tony Wyhopen and seconded by Harry Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.