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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE – BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Tuesday, October 6, 2026
10:30 a.m.
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Legislators Andrew Aronstam, Ron Ciotoli, Bill Standinger and Jake Brown
Commissioners James Wahls and Kelly Johnson.
Guests: County Administrator Jackson Bailey, Legislative Chair Tracy Monell, Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell, County Attorney Peter DeWind, Personnel Officer Linda Parke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Legislator Standinger. Second by Legislator Ciotoli. All in favor. Carried.

FINANCIAL

The YTD Budget Report was presented. The Legislators had no questions or concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

See September minutes.

Updates:
Ballot for the General Election was certified ahead of the deadline and all Mail Ballots mailed out ahead of deadlines.
Commissioners received the poll site agreement from the South Apalachin Baptist Church and mailed polling location cards to all households with registered voters.

NEW BUSINESS

Returned mail ballots are being canvassed daily. Legislator Standinger asked for elaboration on ballot canvassing. Commissioners explained the procedures in place to canvass mail ballots; emphasizing the software does not provide results until at 9:00 pm on Election Day.

Pre-election machine testing started October 5 and will continue until complete.

Legal notices and press releases will be issued with election information such as polling places and hours.

BOE office will be open late for two nights the week of October 19th to receive registrations and absentee applications.

Deadline to register to vote or request a mail ballot by mail or the online portal is October 24. Commissioners explained that October 24 is also known as Golden Day where you can register on that day and be eligible to vote.

Last day to request a ballot over the counter is November 2.

Early Voting is October 24 – November 1 and Election Day is November 3.

Legislator Ciotoli asked if any guidance is being suggested due to the Governor's State of the Emergency. Commissioners stated that they had not received any.

PERSONNEL

Inspectors have been scheduled and assignment letters went out October 1.

Commissioner Wahls and Deputy Commissioner Sheridan will be going back to the Participation in Government class at Waverly School per the school's request to present ahead of the General Election.

RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

Two resolutions were presented to authorize the appointments of both the Republican Election Commissioner and the Democratic Election Commissioner.

Meeting adjourned.