

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Election Board was called to order this day at 10:25 a.m. with the following members present: Marc Rice, Shane Nickerson, and Sam VanLoon. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Jen Cochran, Kera Hackett, Mary Wilson, Sara Rice, Sandra Olson, Josh Zeyn, Kaye Aumick, Lisa Rice, Grant McCauley, Penny Whipple, Tim Cleveland, Betsy Craig, Joy Childs, Chris Eckert, Sean Sember, Dan Styborski, John Getty, Bob Goodrich, Cindy Copp and press representative Natalie Kennedy.

Public Comment –
None

A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Shane Nickerson and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of June 11, 2024.

On June 25, 2024 the Tioga County Board of Elections and Election Director Penny Whipple met with the Democratic and Republican Party Chairs to answer a few questions they had about the election process. A few of the questions discussed were:

1. Poll workers, training and vacancies - Poll workers come to training classes before every election as elections are always different. It is highly recommended they participate in training classes. The Judge of Election and the Board of Elections work together to fill poll worker positions.
2. Poll Greeters-rules and enforcement outside the polling place - Purdon's section 3060 requires anyone politicking must remain 10 feet outside of the polling facility or 10 feet from the handicap accessible ramp.
3. Poll Watchers-rules while inside the polling facility - All poll watcher guidance is printed on the back of the watcher certificate. This information is provided so watchers and poll workers all know what can be done inside the polling place. Poll watchers cannot disrupt an election in any way. There is absolutely "no politicking" inside a polling place.
4. Voter Roll Maintenance - This is a process that is performed every year. We work with the Department of State and send out 5-year notices to voters who have not participated in the voting process in the past 5-years. ERIC notices (Electronic Registration Information Center) These are for voters who have not updated their addresses and have an unconfirmed address on their record. This helps keep the rolls up to date and our poll books accurate. DOH notices come from the Department of Health for the removal of deceased voters.
5. Mail-in ballot drop boxes and security - We currently have one drop box it is located in the front lobby of the Court House in security and under camera surveillance.

Important Dates:

October 21, 2024: the last day to register before the November 5th election

October 29, 2024: the last day to accept absentee and mail-in ballot applications

November 5, 2024: General Election

The meeting adjourned at 10:28.

Marc Rice

Shane Nickerson

Sam VanLoon