

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Minutes of the February 8, 2022 Board Meeting

The Lee County Board of Elections & Registration held a meeting on February 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Elections & Registration Office. Board members present were Mike Sabot, Helen Butler, and Scott Beeley. Angus Worthy and George Houston were unable to attend.

Also in attendance was Veronica Johnson, Director of Elections and Registration.

The meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board was presented with the minutes from the January 11, 2022 meeting. Mr. Beeley made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Mrs. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board was updated on the redistricting process. Representative Bill Yerta has introduced House Bill 1061 and House Bill 1166, making changes to the county commission and Board of Education district lines. Mrs. Johnson will continue to track the progress of the two bills.

Discussion was held on preparations for the new statewide voter registration system being developed and implemented by the Secretary of State's Office. The new system is scheduled to go live on March 14, 2022.

Discussion was held on the upcoming 2022 election cycle. Qualifying will be held March 7 – 11, 2022. Poll worker training dates have been scheduled and letters sent to previous and potential poll workers. Information has been received and signed off on to proceed with contracting with Fort Orange Press as a mail vendor for absentee ballots. This will allow tracking of absentee ballots through the mail stream and provide voters with more up to date information.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board was presented with current financial statements for review.

The Board was presented with current voter registration reports. As of February 7, 2022 Lee County had 22,698 active registered voters.

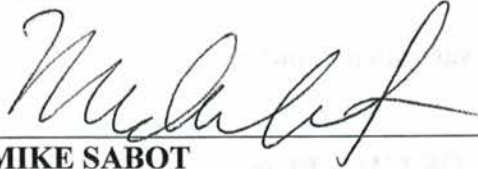
The Board discussed the upcoming budget cycle for FYE2023. Mrs. Johnson presented information on each line item request. Extensive discussion was held on election supplies, contractual expenses, and poll worker and staff pay. It was noted because of significant law and procedural changes, including required additional advance voting days, the total funding request has increased over previous years.

CONCERNS FROM THE BOARD:

None

With no other business, Mr. Beeley made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**Lee County Board of
Elections and Registration**



**MIKE SABOT
CHAIRMAN**

Adopted 3/8/2002