

Board of Elections Report to Legislative Committee
April 7, 2020

Reported By: Election Commissioners Toombs and Wahls

Financial Update/Budget 2020:

YTD Budget Report Attached

Old Business:

Grant Reimbursements: Early Voting/Electronic Poll Books

- Electronic Poll Book Capital Grant reimbursement received in January - \$42,108.51
- SHOEBOX reimbursement received in February - \$77,312.00
- Early Voting Aid to Localities Grant reimbursement **received in March** - \$29,548.12

New Business:

Early Voting for the Presidential Primary dates and times are scheduled and posted on the county website. The Presidential Primary has been postponed by Governor Cuomo and is currently scheduled to be on June 23, 2020, the same date as the State, Federal and Local Primary pending further advisements.

Election Inspector Assignments were made for Early Voting and the Presidential Primary. Emails have been sent to them advising of the postponed election.

A shortened Petition process is completed for county political committees and local races. There will be a Republican Primary for a Candor Justice. Petitions were filed for the un-expired term for the Superintendent of Highways in Spencer to be on the General Election ballot in November.

Voting Machines Test Deck procedures for the Presidential Primary (PP20) are completed. As a result of the postponed PP20 this process will be merged with the candidates for the June Primary and completely redone.

School Elections scheduled for May 19, 2020 are postponed by Governor Cuomo and a new date has not been established. We anticipated facilitating Waverly Central School District and the Owego-Apalachin Central School District.

Annual Mail Check cards have been sent to every registered voter on file per the cut-off date of February 21, 2020. Mail Check cards were scheduled for mail drop from our vendor NTS during the week of March 23, 2020.

We are seeing a rise in requests from voters for Absentee Ballot applications. Our webpage lists this application for the voter to download, print and mail to our office.

As a result of the COVID-19 situation, our office has reduced hours with one staff member available from 9 AM – 1 PM, Monday through Thursday. A staff member will rotate being in the office to receive mail on Friday's from 10 AM until Noon. Staff are monitoring emails and automatic replies are on reflecting our reduced hours of operation.

Resolutions: None