Board of Elections Meeting - October 6, 2023

November 7th - Municipal Election

- Sample Ballots are on the website – chesco.org/election
  - Ballot Questions –
    - Honey Brook Twp
    - Kennett Square Borough
    - Phoenixville Area School District
    - 2 Superior Court Retention Questions
    - 2 Court of Common Pleas Retention Questions

Dates leading up to the election:

- Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Testing
  - START Tuesday, October 10th - (9:00 am-6:00 pm, M-F until completed)- 601 Westtown Road, Suite 040, West Chester, PA 19380
  - Week of October 16th – Continue (9:00 am-6:00 pm, M-F until completed)- 601 Westtown Road, Suite 040, West Chester, PA 19380
  - START Tuesday, October 17th - (9:00 am-6:00 pm, M-F until completed)- 313 W. Market Street, 5th Floor, West Chester, PA 19380

- October 16th – Deadline, Student Poll Worker Program sign up
- October 17th – Ballot services office at Voter Services opens. Please check our website, www.chesco.org/elections for operating hours.
- October 23rd - Last day to Register to Vote (New registration, change of party, change of name, change of address, make sure your current signature appears in the poll book)
- October 24th - Drop Boxes will open.
  - Ballots cannot be dropped off at the polling place.
  - Hours and locations @ www.chesco.org/elections
- October 27th Cycle 5 report due for campaign finance
- October 31st Last day to apply for regular mail ballot.
  - Out of Precinct Poll Workers
  - vote.pa.gov

Currently we are working to get the initial batch of mail-in and civilian absentee ballots printed. We anticipate them to go out in today’s mail stream.

Other Items:

- Poll Worker Training has started, we have many sessions scheduled (Judge of Elections, Machine Inspector, General) as it is our goal to have our poll workers trained and prepared for election day.
- Election Information Videos
- We have moved the ReliaVote machine from the Government Services Center to 313 West Market Street. All mail-in and absentee ballots will be delivered to 313 West Market Street and processed there. This change will significantly improve our efficiency
in processing mail-in and absentee ballots – especially on Election Night. The new space for the ReliaVote includes security cameras covering the entire space.

- We researched potentially adding external monitors at Central Scan so observers would be able to better see the screens of the tabulators. Unfortunately, we are prohibited by PA DOS to connect any not certified equipment to the machines, including peripherals. We have asked our vendor, ES&S to pursue a software upgrade and certification of an external monitor but have no timeline on if or when this might happen.

- We have a new machine at Central Scan – a DS950 replacing a DS850 which had been giving us problems with feeding the ballots to be scanned. Many knew this problematic machine as “Machine A”. We had to upgrade our Election Management System software version to support this new DS950 which also required a firmware update on all voting machines. Our new software version is 6.3.0.0 and was certified by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and the PA DOS last year.

- We are also changing the process we use for ballot duplication in the event a ballot is damaged or unreadable. We had previously waited until after tabulation was fully complete before beginning the duplication process. Now, we will have teams assigned to ballot duplication so as soon as a precinct is done being tabulated, any problematic ballots will be moved to duplication. We will allow additional time for authorized candidate and party representatives to review the duplicated ballots, especially during scheduled legal review times.

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