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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE – BOARD OF ELECTIONS Tuesday, February 4, 2025
10:30 a.m.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FINANCIAL

- YTD Budget Report attached
- Grants update:
 - o 2024 grants all approved by OGS, claims submitted for eligible expenses

OLD BUSINESS

- See January Minutes
- County and Town Certificates of Offices all submitted to CBOE. Need NYSBOE certification before county can certify.
- Update on Even Year Election Law: No change. Law remains repealed as unconstitutional by lower court ruling, and is in appeals process. No timeframe given for resolution.
- Update on NYS Train the Trainer program: No change. State is using a vendor to build curriculum.
- Election Cleanup is complete.
- New laptops ordered for electronic poll books, per January resolution.

NEW BUSINESS

- Petitions to begin in February. Dates for circulating: Feb 25-Apr 3. Filing: Mar 31- Apr 3.
- BOE Annual Meeting was held January 27.
- NVRA Purge completed. NCOA to start in February and completed by March.

PERSONNEL

Flection Clerk PT is vacant.

RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

Renew Software License and Annual Support with Clear Ballot for Five Years

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE - BOARD OF ELECTIONS Tuesday, January 7, 2025 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Legislators Dennis Mullen, Jake Brown, Ron Ciotoli, and Bill Standinger.

Commissioners Kelly Johnson and James Wahls.

Guests: Legislative Chair Martha Sauerbrey, Legislator Ray Bunce, County Administrator Jackson Bailey, Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell, and County Attorney Peter DeWind.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

Motion by Legislator Standinger. Seconded by Legislator Brown. All in favor. Carried.

FINANCIAL

The BOE Year to Date Budget Report was presented. No issues or concerns were noted. Commissioner Wahls noted that claims were submitted to close out the Absentee Pre-Paid Postage Grant, and the Cybersecurity Remediation Grant. Additionally, final state approval is still needed for the three grants from 2024 before claims can be submitted for those – the 2024 General Election Grant, Electronic Poll Book Grant, and Ballot by Mail Grant.

OLD BUSINESS

See DECEMBER Minutes.

2024 Annual Report to NYSBOE on track to be completed ahead of schedule and before attending conference the following week.

2024 NYSECA Winter Conference will be attended by both Commissioner Wahls and Johnson, and Deputy Commissioner Hoover. The commissioners feel it is important to have the deputies also experience the state side of elections, and hope to take Deputy Commissioner Duke in summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Cleanup of the 2024 General Election is in the final stages, sending records for retention to Records Management.

The 2025 Certificates of Office to be Placed on the Ballot as well as Certificates of Vacancy are being submitted to the Board of Elections ahead of petitioning dates. They are all due by February 1.

There has been no further update to Even Year Election Law nor Train the Trainer program from NYS. Commissioner Wahls explained that the Even Year Election Law was ruled to be in violation of the state constitution and the Board is continuing as if it is not in place at this time. Updates on both subjects are expected at state conference.

Strategic Plan Status Update was given. Commissioner Wahls gave a detailed update regarding requirements for ADA compliance with online documentation. Commissioner Johnson detailed successful outreach opportunities including social media, and community agencies such as nursing homes, Sheriff's office, and schools.

PERSONNEL

Post-election surveys were mailed to new inspectors as well as chairpersons. Some have been received back, and the Board is appreciative of the feedback that inspectors had sufficient training as well as supplies to handle the job.

Driver Ken Smith has resigned, and Driver Charles Truman is contemplating retirement. Commissioners explained that it is a hardship to hire drivers who want to work only six days within the year, and the Board may need to continue relying on the Buildings and Grounds department to help deliver voting machines.

RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

The following resolutions were presented, and were passed by the Committee:

- AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT LAPTOPS FOR ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS AND BUDGET AMENDMENT
- RENEW BALLOT PRINTING AGREEMENT WITH PHOENIX GRAPHICS FOR FIVE YEARS

Meeting adjourned.



FOR 2025 01							
ACCOUNTS FOR: A General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
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TOTAL General Fund	848,935	-104	848,831	87,199.45	.00	761,631.93	10.3%
TOTAL REVENUES TOTAL EXPENSES	-4,000 852,935	-22,234 22,131	-26,234 875,066	.00 87,199.45	.00	-26,234.39 787,866.32	

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FOR 2025 01								
		ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
	GRAND TOTAL	848,935	-104	848,831	87,199.45	.00	761,631.93	10.3%

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ACCOUNTS FOR: H Capital Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
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TOTAL Elections	45,000	6,587	51,587	.00	44,132.00	7,455.21	85.5%
TOTAL Capital Fund	45,000	6,587	51,587	.00	44,132.00	7,455.21	85.5%
TOTAL REVENUES TOTAL EXPENSES	0 45,000	-44,028 50,615	-44,028 95,615	.00	.00 44,132.00	-44,028.26 51,483.47	

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FOR 2025 01								
		ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
	GRAND TOTAL	45,000	6,587	51,587	.00	44,132.00	7,455.21	85.5%

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REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25 RENEW SOFTWARE LICENSE AND ANNUAL

SUPPORT WITH CLEAR BALLOT FOR FIVE YEARS

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Board of Elections utilizes the ClearCount system by Clear Ballot to conduct election audits and count mail ballots; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Elections will continue to use this system for the foreseeable future, which is a sole source, approved by NYS-OGS, and the only independent automated audit tool for voting systems authorized for use in NYS; and

WHEREAS: The current five-year software license and support agreement expires on June 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The up-front cost to renew the five-year software license and annual support, plus hardware support is \$42,839.00; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Elections operating budget can accommodate annual installments to cover this expense; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Board of Elections is authorized to prepay the Five-Year License & Annual Support for ClearCount including hardware support, for the term 6/16/2025 to 6/15/2030, for \$42,839.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That to cover this expense, \$8,567.80 shall be paid from the budget line A1450 540620 yearly for five years.