TAXATION/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/ELECTIONS' COMMITTEE MEETING
August 9, 2018

Present: Legislators Randy LaChausse and Andrea Moroughan; County Manager Ryan Piche, Election Commissioners Ann Nortz and Lindsay Burriss, IT Director Adam Zehr and Real Property Tax Director Candy Akin. Reporter Nick Altmire

The meeting was called at 3:30 p.m.

Ann and Lindsay reviewed their update report (attached)

There is a State Primary election on 9/13/18 for the Democrats and Reform Parties only, with 2,600 Lewis County eligible voters. This is the first time for this kind of a primary in Lewis County.

There will be a special election for South Lewis School District voters in October for capital projects.

Lindsey cited ongoing issues with obtaining 3 Penske Truck rentals to transport voting machines, because everyone is vying for the trucks at the same time. Ryan Piche will speak with Enterprise about available vehicles to provide this service.

Ann and Lindsey have presented to all high school government classes to educate on voting and registered eligible students.

Forms have been distributed to all local post offices.

As required by the State of New York, they had assisted 80 nursing home residents with voting.

185 voting inspectors have been trained as required by the State of New York. Batteries were ordered from Amazon as the least cost and have been changed in 8 voting machines.

Ann and Lindsay attended the Election Commissioners’ conference in Niagara Falls and learned about the Reform and Independence Parties; as well as new voting machines that are due by the end of this year. Annual budget allocations will be made to replace voting machines over time. Voting machines with minimal voter use are interchanged at sites having greater voter numbers to extend viable use.

The Bi-annual inspection of the local office was completed by two State Board of Election representatives and determined compliant with State regulations for registration and voting process policies. The voting machines are visible through the street level windows, but there were no formal complaints. A new location is recommended, but not a demand at this time.

Ann, Lindsay and Adam Zehr plan to attend an 8/15/18 voting cyber security training at JCC.

In response to Legislator LaChausse, Lindsay asserted never having lost an absentee ballot.
2018 Election Year:
December -2017  South Lewis Special Election
March  BOCES Special Election
March  Village Election
May  School Elections (all Lewis County)
June  Federal Primary Election
September  State Primary Election
October  South Lewis Special Election
November  General Election

PENSKE Truck Rental:
Ongoing issues with renting state spec vehicles for transportation of voting equipment and machines for election including air ride, lift gates, and our preference of non-cdl.

2019 Election Year:  All Local Offices in Lewis County including:
District Attorney  Sheriff
County Treasurer  County Clerk
10 Legislators  All Town Offices
School Elections  Village Elections
Lowville Village Election

To Date:
Our office visited all schools in Lewis County and did a presentation to all government classes on voting, as well as registering eligible students.

Visited all post offices and maintained our voter forms.

Required to go to LCGH and assist 80 +/- nursing home residence with voting, as required by state law.

Trained and certified 185 inspectors (in groups of 4-8 each) for the 2018 election year; state mandated yearly training.

Tested and continue to change batteries and other parts on our voting machines for the year; as well as pre-lat and post testing

Lewis County is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints of discrimination should be made known to The Lewis County Board of Legislators.
Upcoming:
Office will be attending NYS Election Commissioner Association annual conference on July 25-27th. Office will be staffed with temporary vendor.

We are starting to program and prepare for the upcoming Primary Election which will be on September 13th (Thursday).

Will also be holding another special election for South Lewis Central School, if approved and submitted to us, in October 2018.

General Election will be November 6, 2018.

NYS Board of Elections Visit:
Two members from NYS visited our office and performed their bi-annual audit / inspection of our office. We have attached for review their concerns on our present location.