

BLAIR COUNTY
2021 Board of Elections Agenda
Monday, September 20, 2021 10:30 a.m.,
Commissioner Meeting Room (Basement)

1. Public Comment
2. Approval of the April 30, 2021 Board of Election meeting minutes
3. Approval of the Plain English Statements for:

- **Second Amendment Sanctuary Referendum Question:**

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION REFERENDUMS
MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT TO DECLARE
SECOND AMENDMENT SANTUARY
EVERY MUNICIPALITY & COUNTY OF BLAIR

Under the Pennsylvania statutes governing intergovernmental cooperation, local governments for Municipalities (City of Altoona; Boroughs of Bellwood, Duncansville, Hollidaysburg, Martinsburg, Newry, Roaring Spring, Tyrone and Williamsburg; Townships of Allegheny, Antis, Blair, Catharine, Frankstown, Freedom, Greenfield, Huston, Juniata, Logan, North Woodbury, Snyder, Taylor, Tyrone, Woodbury; and the County of Blair) may be compelled by referendum to cooperate or agree in the exercise of any function, power or responsibility with other local governments (53 Pa C.S.A. §2304). In this instance, a sufficient number of qualified electors have submitted enough signatures upon referendum petitions for each municipality within Blair County as well as county-wide with respect to the County of Blair in order for the voters to consider whether the local government for the municipality in which they reside should enter a municipal agreement with other local governments of municipalities in which voters approve the referendum and the County of Blair, if the voters county-wide approve the referendum, to declare a Second Amendment Sanctuary in which no taxpayer resources shall be used by the local governments subject to the municipal agreement to enforce any legislation passed after November 2, 2021, that would infringe upon an eligible citizen's right to bear arms.

Each ballot in each precinct will contain two (2) questions for voters to consider: one question will ask whether the local government of the municipality in which the voter resides should be required to enter a municipal agreement, as described above, with other local governments of municipalities in which the voters approve the same question ("Municipal question"); the other question will ask whether the County of Blair should be required to enter a municipal agreement, as described above, with the local governments of municipalities within the County of Blair in which the voters approve the same question for their municipality ("County question").

If and where the majority of voters vote "yes" on the Municipal question, the local government for that municipality/those municipalities in which the majority of votes cast on the Municipal question was "yes" will be required to enter a municipal agreement with other local governments of other municipalities in which the majority of votes cast on the Municipal question was "yes". If the majority of voters vote "no" on the Municipal question, the municipality or municipalities in which the majority of votes cast on the Municipal question was "no" will not be required to enter a municipal agreement.

Similarly, if the majority of voters vote "yes" on the County question, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Blair will be required to enter a municipal agreement with local

governments of municipalities within Blair County in which the majority of votes cast on the Municipal question was “yes”. If the majority of voters vote “no” on the County question, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Blair not be required to enter a municipal agreement.

Following the election, if the voters in at least two Municipalities approve by a majority “yes” vote the referendum questions, a municipal agreement will be drafted consistent with the referendum questions for approval by such local governments.

- **Bellwood Borough Referendum Question:**

LOCAL OFFICE REFERENDUM

This referendum question, if approved as a result of the number of yes votes being more than the number of no votes, would decrease Bellwood Borough’s Council from the current number of seven (7) members to the number of five (5) members. Bellwood Borough would then have five (5) council members on the Council instead of seven (7). If approved at this general election, then at the municipal election in November of 2023, two (2) members of council will be elected to a four-year term instead of three (3) members, and at the municipal election in November of 2025, three (3) members of council will be elected to a four-year term instead of four (4) members. Thereafter, the proper number of members of council shall be elected to a four-year term to correspond to the number of members of council whose terms are to expire the first Monday of the following January.

This referendum question, if not approved as a result of the number of no votes being more than the number of yes votes, would mean that the number of council persons would remain at seven (7). The terms of the council members would remain at four (4) years according to the current schedule of when the council members are subject to election.