

**BLAIR COUNTY**  
**2020 Board of Elections Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 14, 2020 8:30 a.m.,**  
**Call-in meeting due to COVID-19**

In Attendance: Commissioner Amy Webster, Commissioner Bruce Erb, Commissioner Laura Burke, County Admin Nicole Hemminger and Solicitor Nathan Karn

Update on Absentee/Mail-in Ballots

- Currently have processed 17,498 ballots.
- NPC has mailed out the initial 16,000
- NPC is now receiving daily uploads from the Voter Reg office to mail ballots each day.

Problems contacting Voter Registration Office – our lines are ringing off the hook. Please know we are answering phones calls, but there are more calls than employees/Sure Systems to answer questions.

Voter Registration Office is open to the public Monday-Friday; 8am-4pm to drop off your voted ballot (and ONLY **YOUR** BALLOT). In addition, if you have not applied for a mail-in ballot, you may stop in, complete an application, vote at the counter and turn in your ballot.

A voter who received a mail-in ballot but does not wish to vote that way MAY turn in their blank ballot and envelopes to the poll worker at their precinct, sign a declaration and vote an election day ballot.

If you do not turn in your balloting materials on election day to the poll worker – you will have to vote by a provisional ballot.

Temporarily Moving Polling Places:

○Altoona 2-2:

From: The ARC of Blair County  
To: Fire Hall #3 530 Crawford Avenue, Altoona

○Altoona 4-1:

From: Altoona Area High School Auditorium  
To: Center City Church, 801 Pleasant Valley Blvd, Altoona

○Altoona 6-4:

From: Jaggard United Methodist Church  
To: Altoona Bible Church 3017 Union Avenue

○Altoona 8-2:

From: The ARC of Blair County  
To: Transformation Church - 1001 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Altoona

- Altoona 14-1:  
From: Woodrow Wilsons Gardens  
To: Altoona Bible Church, 3017 Union Avenue, Altoona
- Freedom Twp 1:  
From: Blue Knob Airport  
To: Freedom Vol. Fire Hall, 139 Municipal St, East Freedom
- Hollidaysburg Ward 5:  
From: The Lutheran Home at Hollidaysburg  
To: St. Mary Church Social Hall, 312 Clark Street, Hollidaysburg
- Hollidaysburg Ward 7:  
From: Blair Regional YMCA (if the Y has day care  
To: Hollidaysburg Area Public Library, 1 Furnace Street, Holbg
- North Woodbury Township:  
From: Homewood Nursing Home  
To: Valley Rural Electric Co-Op, 2585 Cove Mountain Road, Martsb
- Tyrone Ward 5:  
From: Epworth Manor  
To: Church of the Good Shepherd, 1650 Clay Avenue, Tyrone

- Any polling place that has changed will appear in the advertisement in the Altoona Mirror
- Signs will be posted at the old voting location to direct voters to the new temporary voting location.
- All polling locations will be supplied with masks, gloves, disinfectant wipes for the poll workers.
- Hand Sanitizer will be available for poll workers and voters.
- We are recommending that ALL voters wear a mask when inside the voting room and bring their own BLUE or Black pen to mark their ballots.
- Precincts will have social distancing measures in place inside the voting room. We ask that all voters follow the instructions given by the Judge of Election. There will be a limit as to how many voters will be allowed inside the voting room at one time
- We ask for the voter's patience. There will be less space available to mark ballots as we try and keep voters 6 feet apart.