

**Butler County Board of Elections
Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017**

The Butler County Board of Elections met on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 9:05 a.m. for a regular meeting. Roll call was taken and present were Member Kathy Wyenandt, Member Todd Hall, Member Chris Wunnenberg, Deputy Director Jocelyn Bucaro and Early Voting Administrator Eric Corbin. Member Wyenandt is acting Chairman.

Member Wyenandt submitted the minutes from the August 21, 2017 regular meeting for approval. Member Hall moved to approve the minutes for August 21, 2017; seconded by Member Wunnenberg. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	absent
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Wyenandt submitted the minutes from the August 29, 2017 special meeting for approval. Member Hall moved to approve the minutes for August 29, 2017; seconded by Member Wunnenberg. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	absent
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Director Noonan acknowledged receipt of Directive 2017-18 Ballots for November 7, 2017 General Election.

Under Election Business Director Noonan submitted the Precinct Election Officials to be appointed to the 2017-2018 term per R.C. 3501.22(A). Director Noonan stated 1,158 workers have been placed. Member Hall asked how many workers are needed. Director Noonan answered 1,128 are required. Member Hall asked how the precinct election officials were recruited. Director Noonan explained the workers were recruited through previous workers, Facebook, Church bulletins, newspapers, utility bill inserts, and other methods.

Member Hall asked if the office tracks how the workers are recruited. Director Noonan explained the office creates a report after each election so resources can be focused on finding the most qualified election officials. Member Wunnenberg moved to appoint the Precinct Election Officials to the 2017-2018 term; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	absent
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Under New Business, Director Noonan presented the 2018 Budget for review and approval. She explained that the budget is based on the last like election year, 2014. She noted that there is \$4,000,000 in the budget for capital equipment and wanted the Commissioners to be aware of the need if they choose to remove the money from the budget. Member Wunnenberg said the Commissioners could pass a new resolution to appropriate the funds if they are not in the budget. For clarification, Member Wyenandt asked if Member Wunnenberg thought the budget should include the money for capital equipment. Member Wunnenberg said it is not necessary to keep the capital equipment in the budget because the Commissioners are going to remove it and can appropriate the money later. Member Wyenandt asked if the capital equipment line is removed from the budget, what other lines will be affected? Director Noonan and Deputy Director Bucaro indicated the other lines would not be affected. Member Wunnenberg moved to approve the 2018 Budget with the removal of the \$4,000,000 for capital equipment; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	absent
Member Wyenandt	nay
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

Majority in favor; motion carried.

Director Noonan submitted the precinct changes in the City of Trenton. She explained there are voters who reside in the City of Trenton and the surrounding township. Member Hall asked if the office has all the supporting documentation. Director Noonan said yes, the office has all the documentation to make these changes. Deputy Director Bucaro explained that when the City of Trenton annexed these parcels, the township boundaries were not

adjusted by the Commissioners. Member Hall moved to approve the precinct changes;

seconded by member Wunnenberg. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	absent
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Under the Director's Report, Director Noonan thanked everyone for being supportive during her recent illness. She said the poll worker department is on the way to its goal of 1,400 election workers and that the temporary staff is doing a great job.

Under the Deputy Director's Report, Deputy Director Bucaro told the Board that the mock election for the new electronic poll books went very well. After training one group of workers set up their polling location in the conference room in the Board of Elections Building while the other group went out to Reily Township, a location with a weak cell phone signal. The workers were paid \$100 for their time, about six hours, two of which were spent in training. Deputy Director Bucaro added that poll worker training materials were submitted to the state on time. She also said Train the Trainer classes are starting on October 3, 2017 and that all trainers have been asked to attend the first day so they have time to learn the system before having to teach others. She confirmed ballots were posted in accordance with state requirements and more proofing is happening now. Military and overseas ballots are on track to be mailed out by the September 23, 2017 deadline. Deputy Director Bucaro indicated a press release will be issued. She then passed out the 2017 November Pre-Election Profile. Member Hall asked where this data is available. Deputy Director Bucaro said it is posted to our website. Member Hall suggested getting the information out to average voters. Deputy Director Bucaro explained Early Voting Administrator Corbin is working on a flyer that will be printed on colored paper to help voters complete their ballots and identification envelopes correctly. Data will be collected to see if there is a reduction in errors after the flyer is introduced.



November 7, 2017 Pre-Election Profile

282 Precincts in the Election
89 Polling Locations

47 Districts

- 1 County
- 7 Municipal
- 5 Village
- 14 Township
- 20 School

175 Candidates

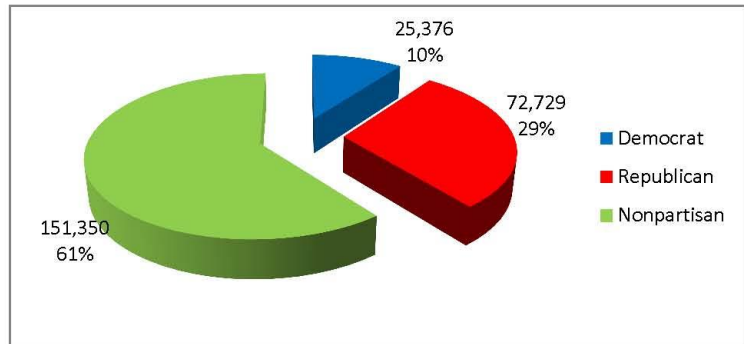
- 44 Municipal
- 16 Village
- 41 Township
- 74 School

24 Issues

- 2 State
- 1 County
- 3 Municipal
- 5 Village
- 5 Township
- 3 School
- 5 Local Option

Total Registered Voters: 249,523
(as of 9/11/17)

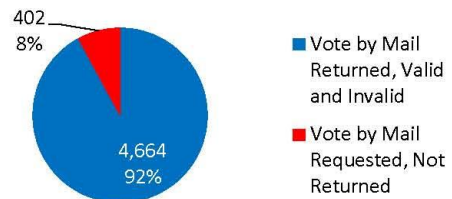
- 25,376 Democrat
- 72,729 Republican
- 151,350 Nonpartisan
- 68 Green



November 3, 2015 Election

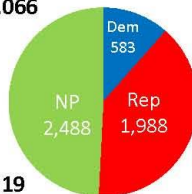
233,421 Registered Voters
40.61% Turnout
94,803 Ballots Cast
82,246 Ballots cast on Election Day (87%)
9,134 Ballots cast Early (10%)
2,029 Valid Provisional Ballots Cast (2.3%)

2015 Vote By Mail - Requested vs Returned



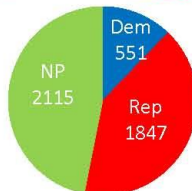
2015 Vote by Mail Ballots Requested: 5,066

- 583 Democrat
- 1,988 Republican
- 2,488 Nonpartisan
- 7 Minor Party



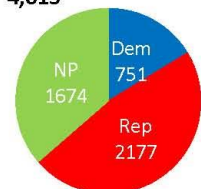
2015 Vote by Mail Ballots Returned: 4,519

- 551 Democrat
- 1,847 Republican
- 2,115 Nonpartisan
- 6 Minor Party



2015 In-Person Early Voters: 4,615

- 751 Democrat
- 2,177 Republican
- 1,675 Nonpartisan
- 12 Minor Party



Challenged Absentee Ballots: 145

- 89 Returned Late
- 10 No ID
- 25 Invalid Date of Birth
- 11 No Signature
- 1 Invalid signature on ID Env
- 2 No stub attached
- 1 No ID Envelope
- 1 Damaged Ballot
- 3 Undeliverable

Challenged Provisional Ballots: 344

- 295 Not Registered
- 17 Incomplete Envelopes
- 11 Wrong polling location
- 7 Second Vote
- 6 Missing ID
- 5 Missing signature
- 3 Wrong Date of Birth

Ballots Cast by Ballot Type in Odd-Year General Elections 2007-2015

2007 November General

240,079 Registered Voters
 66,046 Total ballots cast
 27.51% Turnout
 7,918 Early Ballots Cast
 56,866 Election Day Ballots Cast
 1,430 Total Provisional Ballots Cast
 1,262 Valid Provisional Ballots Cast

2011 November General

244,373 Registered Voters
 109,920 Total ballots cast
 44.98% Turnout
 16,635 Early Ballots Cast
 91,261 Election Day Ballots Cast
 2,296 Provisional Ballots Cast
 2,024 Valid Provisional Ballots Cast

2015 November General

233,421 Registered Voters
 94,803 Total ballots cast
 40.61% Turnout
 9,134 Early Ballots Cast
 82,246 Election Day Ballots Cast
 2,373 Provisional Ballots Cast
 2,029 Valid Provisional Ballots Cast

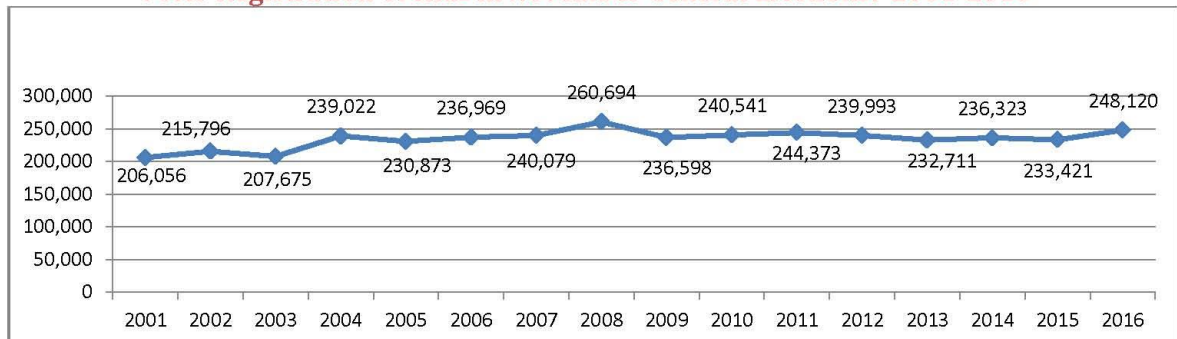
2009 November General

236,598 Registered Voters
 88,120 Total ballots cast
 37.24% Turnout
 11,162 Early Ballots Cast
 75,708 Election Day Ballots Cast
 1,410 Provisional Ballots Cast
 1,250 Valid Provisional Ballots Cast

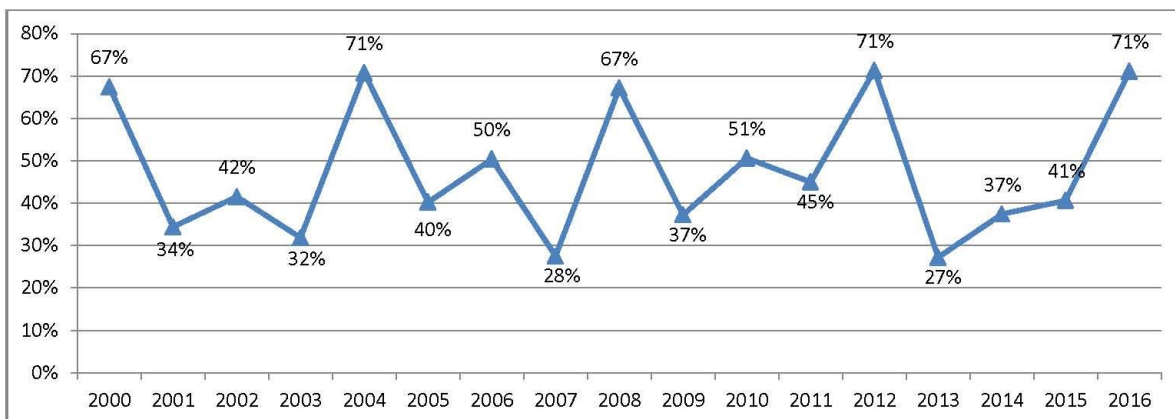
2013 November General

232,711 Registered Voters
 63,279 Total ballots cast
 27.19% Turnout
 7,364 Early Ballots Cast
 55,431 Election Day Ballots Cast
 535 Provisional Ballots Cast
 483 Valid Provisional Ballots Cast

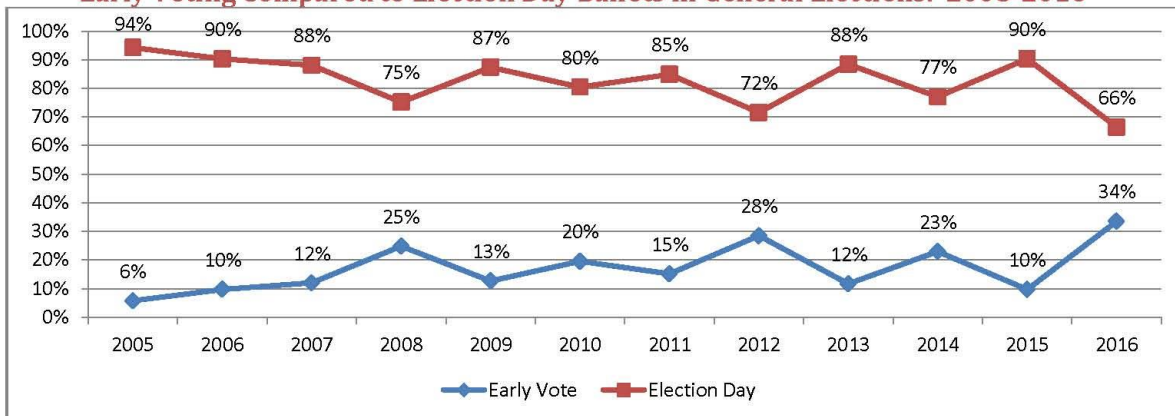
Voter Registration Trends in November General Elections: 2001-2016



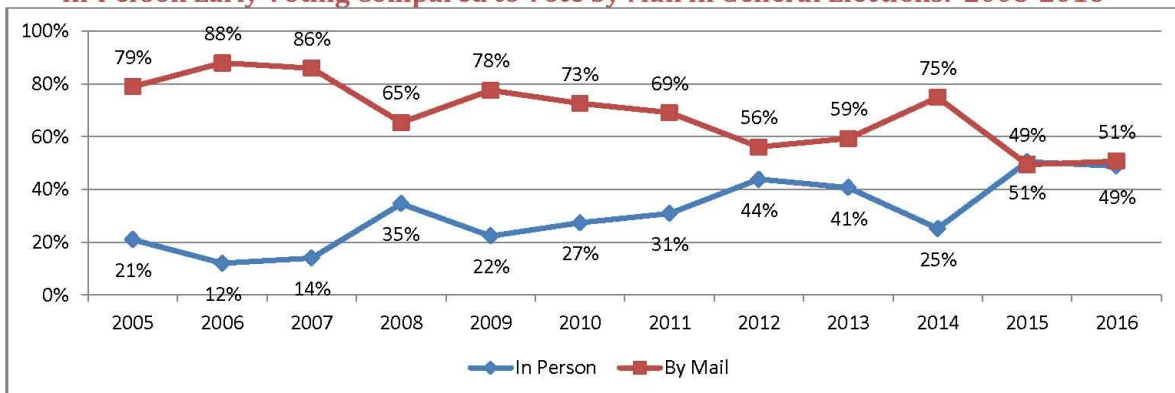
General Election Turnout as Percentage of Registration: 2000-2016



Early Voting Compared to Election Day Ballots in General Elections: 2005-2016



In-Person Early Voting Compared to Vote by Mail in General Elections: 2005-2016



Member Wunnenberg moved to change the time of the October 16, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 PM; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	absent
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

With no further business, Member Wunnenberg moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud absent
Member Wyenandt yea
Member Hall yea
Member Wunnenberg yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:41 a.m.

ABSENT

Frank Cloud, Chairman

Diane Noonan, Director

Todd Hall, Member

Chris Wunnenberg, III Member

Kathleen Wyenandt, Member