



THE COUNTY OF CHESTER



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1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Resolution 22-20: Authorizing additional drop off locations for collection of mail-in and absentee ballots for the 2020 Primary election
3. Public Comment
4. Adjournment

**COUNTY OF CHESTER
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 22-20**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL DROP OFF LOCATIONS FOR COLLECTION OF
MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Chester County Board of Elections is authorized, inter alia, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P.S. Section 301) to take action deemed appropriate to conduct the election process within Chester County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14 of Act 77 of 2019, applicable to the 2020 Primary Election, significant changes were effected to the Pennsylvania Election Code authorizing and encouraging registered voters to apply to vote by mail-in ballot; and

WHEREAS, in view of the COVID health crisis, Act 12 of 2020, additionally granted counties emergency relief and flexibility to consolidate polling locations for the 2020 Primary Election due to the constraints imposed in verifying polling locations and required staffing of election officials and poll workers which the Chester County Board of Elections authorized by Resolution No. 16-20, effective May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, given the reduction of polling locations and the significant amount of mail-in ballot voting already verified and further anticipated, the Chester County Board of Elections desires to maximize and ensure the secure collection of mail-in and any other absentee ballots to assist voters in meeting the ballot receipt deadline of 8 p.m. in the office of Voter Services for the June 2, 2020 Primary Election; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance thereof and in addition to the drop box location currently in use at the Chester County Government Services Center (GSC), the Chester County Board of Elections hereby determines to add five (5) additional mail-in/absentee ballot drop off locations as follows:

- **Chester County Public Safety Training Campus**, 137 Modena Road, Coatesville, PA
- **Longwood Gardens South Parking Lot**, 1010 East Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA
- **Kimberton Fair Grounds**, 762 Pike Springs Road, Phoenixville, PA
- **Warwick County Park**, 191 County Park Road, Pottstown, PA
- **Battle of the Clouds Park**, 125 North Phoenixville Pike, Malvern, PA and

These additional locations will operate Monday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 2 for the following hours:

- Chester County Public Safety Training Campus; 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Longwood Gardens South Parking Lot: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Kimberton Fair Grounds: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Warwick County Park: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Battle of the Clouds: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Voter Services is hereby directed to utilize five (5) secure drop boxes which will have tamper proof seals over every lock and every access point to indicate the units have not been tampered with, deployed and secured by designated County staff at the above listed locations and be continuously staffed by at least one County employee stationed at each drop box for the entire times designated; and

WHEREAS, each designated County employee stationed at the ballot drop off boxes will be responsible to:

- Ensure no one attempts to move, tamper with, remove, or retrieve the box or ballots in the box;
- Ensure that each person depositing a ballot will only deposit one ballot
- Ensure the security and safety of the location and that the boxes are under their constant control and supervision; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of each day for the times designated above, the Board of Elections appoints and authorizes, Chester County Emergency Services employee, Devin Guth, Assistant Deputy Director of Technical Services, to act in daily relieving each designated stationed employee and in furtherance of assuring the chain of custody, in recovering each drop box. Once all boxes have been retrieved, they will be immediately taken to the Chester County machine warehouse in the GSC having County Security personnel unlock the door and watch Deputy Director Guth deposit each box and exit securing the locked door; and

WHEREAS, the above described process will be repeated on June 2, 2020 with clear enforcement directives that no ballots will be deposited after the hours designated and all secure ballot boxes are delivered, secured and in the custody of Voter Services no later than 8 p.m. of the Primary Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS that Voter Services is hereby authorized to implement and effect the requisite process and procedures for additional secure drop box locations and collection consistent with this Resolution's directives.

This Resolution adopted by the Chester County Board of Elections this ____ day
of _____, 2020.

BOARD OF ELECTION MEMBERS:

Marian D. Moskowitz, Chair

Josh Maxwell, Commissioner

Michelle Kichline, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Robert J. Kagel, Chief Clerk