

Yates County Board of Elections

2009 Annual Report



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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-212(4)(a) of the New York State Election Law, we hereby submit our Annual Report for the period beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Mission Statement

The Yates County Board of Elections works to furnish the voting public, candidates, and all individuals interested in Yates County Elections with professional service and efficiency. We also strive to provide the voters of Yates County with elections that are administered in a fair and democratic manner, as well as election results that are completely accurate, and for which we are 100% accountable to the voters.

Introduction

The Yates County Board of Elections is made up of two (2) full-time Commissioners, two (2) part-time Deputy Commissioners and two (2) part-time Election Operations Assistants. Perceived by some as a simple clerical operation, we are indeed more than that. We provide our county with many important services related to the democratic election process which is the foundation of our government. In order to insure non-partisan elections, our procedures are continuously scrutinized, questioned and challenged. Since HAVA became law in 2002, but not passed into law in NY until 2005, we have had to change many of our operating procedures in order to offer every U.S. citizen the opportunity to vote and to insure that their vote counts. Boards centralized in 2006, taking over the voting machines, inspectors and custodians. We have done this with very minor staff increases. Some of the services we offer the community include voter registration, information to candidates running for office, absentee ballot process and elections that offer the opportunity to vote and an assurance that every legal vote is counted before the election is certified. In 2008 the new voting machines were partially implemented... (Ballot Marking Devices) for individuals with disabilities. In 2009 we decided to participate in a Pilot Program fully implementing the new voting machines and procedures County wide. In doing this we were faced with educating the voting public in a manner that will encourage their desire to participate in the democratic process. This proved difficult within today's current financial crisis. We are challenged to manage our department, which is mandated by state law, within our budget restraints. As managers of the election process we did just that with few problems.

Our office is also charged with the following responsibilities:

Oversee the printing of ballots and administer all federal, state, county and town elections

Interact with town officials to map out voting districts and boundaries, interpret maps, legal descriptions and geographical data

Provide materials to each candidate to ensure the petition process goes smoothly – receive and file petitions

Prepare public service announcements and legal notices and maintain working relationship with the media

Recruit, train, certify, schedule and supervise election inspectors, custodians and technicians

Report to the State Board of Elections, including preparation of enrollment reports, yearly statistical data and annual reports

Provide statistical data and voter lists to potential candidates and their consultants and staff, political committees and interested parties

Track pending legislation on federal, state and local basis concerning Election Law

Prepare and oversee department budget and supervise Deputy Commissioners, Election Operations Assistants, Technicians, Inspectors and Custodians

Maintain voter registration database, monitor NYSVOTER (Statewide voter registration Website) and correspond with voters when additional data is required

Train the voters of Yates County on voting machine usage

Provide outreach to unregistered voters and high school seniors

File and monitor candidate campaign finance filings and provide information to interested parties

WE'VE COME ALONG WAY.....!



1917



1920's



2008

The introduction of new voting machines in New York has been the source of debate across the state since 2002. In 2008 we introduced the Ballot Marking Device portion of the Sequoia(Dominion) Image Cast voting machine. In 2009, we fully implemented the Dominion Image Cast voting machine to replace the levers by participating in a full county wide Pilot.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT

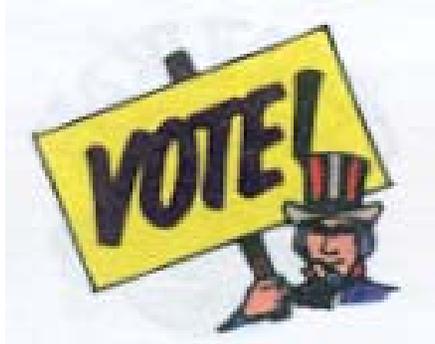
"NVRA STATISTICS"

A voter registration record is never cancelled without verification that the voter is no longer eligible to vote in our jurisdiction. Cancellations are recorded on a daily basis, and there are several reasons for this process: voter is deceased, voter sends letter in writing to the Board of Elections requesting that their registration be cancelled due to personal request or as a result of a move, voter is incarcerated due to a felony conviction, confirmation is received from another Board indicating that the voter is registered in another jurisdiction, duplicate information is received from NYSVOTER, or we receive a court order from the Supreme Court Clerk's Office confirming that a voter has been judged incompetent. Obituary records are reviewed in several local newspapers and the New York Department of Health also provides a computerized list of deaths. During 2009, there were 768 registrations cancelled. A breakdown of the cancellations is as follows:

| Reasons for Cancellation of Records | Number |
|---|---------------|
| Deceased | 168 |
| Duplicate | 177 |
| Judged Incompetent | 0 |
| Moved out of County and Registered with other Board | 223 |
| Felony Conviction | 23 |
| Inactive and have not voted in two previous Federal Elections | 347 |
| Incorrectly Registered | 0 |
| Incomplete Registrations | 5 |
| Cancelled at Voter's Request | 0 |
| TOTAL | 768 |

We inactivate voter records throughout the year due to National Change of Address Records (NCOA) as received from the US Postal Service in April, Mail Check cards sent out in August, undeliverable mail or returned mail with a change of address notification, license surrenders to other states and felony conviction notifications received from court administrators. During 2009 there were 357 records inactivated. A breakdown is as follows:

| Reasons for Inactivation of Records | Number |
|--|---------------|
| Mail Check | 169 |
| National Change of Address (NCOA) | 94 |
| Mail Undeliverable | 84 |
| Moved out of County | 1 |
| License Surrender | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 7 |
| TOTAL | 357 |



REGISTRATION PROCESSING AT A GLANCE

The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) was passed in 1994, and was implemented by County Boards of Elections in 1995. NVRA significantly impacted voter registration and has permanently increased activity within our office due to the many agencies that we interact with daily. In 2009 we received 524 registrations from NVRA agencies; Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Labor, Office of the Aging, Department of Social Services and other county agencies. All registration forms received from NVRA agencies are delivered or mailed to our office without any indication as to where they originated, with the exception of DMV registrations, as they are openly identifiable and we therefore group them under "Agencies"; this protects the identity of those voters receiving county benefits.

| Registration Sources | Number Received |
|--|------------------------|
| Affidavit Ballots provided at Polls | 52 |
| Agencies/DMV Transmittals | 524 |
| Blue Dot | 0 |
| Board of Elections Office/Our Registration Efforts | 490 |
| Election Inspectors | 0 |
| Mail | 519 |
| Other Local County Boards | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1585 |

TRANSACTION DATA 2009

Jan Feb Mar April May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec YTD

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| New Voters | 37 | 40 | 83 | 27 | 30 | 48 | 63 | 66 | 45 | 107 | 10 | 55 | 611 |
| Change of Address | 16 | 15 | 25 | 13 | 126 | 39 | 26 | 25 | 106 | 101 | 12 | 40 | 544 |
| Name Changes | 10 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 62 |
| Inactivated | 2 | 4 | 1 | 36 | 123 | 21 | 3 | 9 | 110 | 5 | 45 | 149 | 508 |
| Re-instated | 4 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 16 | 13 | 17 | 15 | 6 | 15 | 7 | 25 | 135 |
| Purged | 386 | 25 | 25 | 40 | 30 | 35 | 24 | 59 | 46 | 36 | 21 | 40 | 767 |
| Cards Mailed | 69 | 72 | 118 | 86 | 299 | 127 | 140 | 117 | 272 | 233 | 75 | 320 | 1928 |
| Duplicates Received and Searched | 6 | 7 | 3 | 16 | 8 | 11 | 17 | 10 | 8 | 52 | 3 | 22 | 163 |
| Registration Forms Distributed | 66 | 31 | 201 | 9 | 310 | 46 | 244 | 43 | 74 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 1037 |
| Absentee Applications Mailed/Distributed | 0 | 0 | 133 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 125 | 81 | 78 | 140 | 7 | 1 | 566 |
| Absentee Applications Submitted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 101 | 165 | 13 | 0 | 326 |
| Absentee Ballots Mailed/Issued | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 229 | 65 | 463 | 0 | 0 | 757 |
| Absentee Ballots Returned | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 149 | 328 | 48 | 0 | 569 |
| Military Ballots Mailed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 73 |
| Military Ballots Returned | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 14 |
| Agency/DMV Transmittals | 45 | 34 | 51 | 52 | 63 | 41 | 66 | 57 | 20 | 45 | 3 | 71 | 548 |
| Party Enrollment Change Requests | 10 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 29 | 10 | 8 | 21 | 132 |
| Check Cards Mailed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,820 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12820 |
| Check Cards Returned | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 499 | 87 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 588 |
| Lists/Disks Requested | 2 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 20 | 29 | 16 | 19 | 18 | 80 | 10 | 13 | 222 |
| Inspector Tests Given | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 |
| Candidate Petitions Accepted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 91 |
| Financial Disclosures Submitted | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 14 | 17 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 84 |
| Transfer Notifications sent to State Board | 6 | 33 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 90 |
| Signatures Digitized | 48 | 35 | 88 | 69 | 36 | 57 | 69 | 74 | 43 | 110 | 17 | 94 | 740 |
| Incomplete Registrations | 15 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 55 |
| HAVA Letters | 1 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| Blue Dot Forms | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



| Town | Con% | Rep % |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Barrington | 16 | 40 |
| Benton | 26 | 39 |
| Italy | 16 | 52 |
| Jerusalem | 31 | 33 |
| Middlesex | 30 | 28 |
| Milo | 19 | 42 |
| Potter | 16 | 33 |
| Starkey | 14 | 24 |
| Torrey | 18 | 41 |
| County | 21 | 36 |

2009 Primary Election Turnout

Highlights for Yates County

Yates County held Conservative and Republican Primary Elections



Jeru – 4 @ Yates County IDA



Benton 1 & 2 @ Benton Town Hall



Starkey 1 & 2 @ Dundee Village Hall

2009 General Election Turnout

November 3, 2009 Turnout

| Town | % |
|---------------|-----------|
| Barrington | 44 |
| Benton | 44 |
| Italy | 61 |
| Jerusalem | 48 |
| Middlesex | 43 |
| Milo | 42 |
| Potter | 40 |
| Starkey | 30 |
| Torrey | 42 |
| County | 43 |



Middlesex Town Offices

Offices Elected in Yates County

BARRINGTON TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
 BARRINGTON TOWN COUNCILMAN
 BARRINGTON TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
 BARRINGTON TOWN JUSTICE
 BARRINGTON TOWN SUPERVISOR
 BENTON TOWN COUNCILMAN
 BENTON TOWN SUPERVISOR
 YATES COUNTY CORONER
 YATES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
 YATES COUNTY LEGISLATOR
 YATES COUNTY TREASURER
 ITALY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
 ITALY TOWN COUNCILMAN
 ITALY TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
 ITALY TOWN SUPERVISOR
 JERUSALEM TOWN COUNCILMAN
 JERUSALEM TOWN JUSTICE
 JERUSALEM TOWN SUPERVISOR
 MIDDLESEX TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
 MIDDLESEX TOWN COUNCILMAN
 MIDDLESEX TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
 MIDDLESEX TOWN SUPERVISOR
 MILO TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
 MILO TOWN COUNCILMAN
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 MILO TOWN SUPERVISOR
 POTTER TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
 POTTER TOWN COUNCILMAN
 POTTER TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
 POTTER TOWN SUPERVISOR
 STARKEY TOWN COUNCILMAN
 STARKEY TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
 TORREY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
 TORREY TOWN COUNCILMAN
 TORREY TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
 TORREY TOWN SUPERVISOR

Significant Office Project for 2009

The Commissioners in Yates County decided on a full 100% participation in the New York State Pilot Project to Vote using only the Dominion Image Cast and NO Lever machines. Manuals and training materials that had been written for the previous year introducing the Ballot Marking Device to comply with HAVA were updated as lessons were learned as were materials created for the new processes for the general voter. The largest task was to introduce & educate the new process to the Voters. To accomplish this the entire Board of Election office staff, Technicians, Poll Site Coordinators and Inspectors worked together to reach out to the communities within Yates County to educate everyone possible on the new voting processes and voting machine. We attended the Fair, Fireman's Parade, Sidewalk Sale, Community Days, Dinners, Bar-B-Q's, Picnic's practically every place we could find a crowd. The machine & supplies were loaded into the cargo trailer previously purchased with grant monies and off we went.



Inspector Training

As Commissioners we make decisions or comply with law and sometimes there is no thought to how the other members of our staff will react or manage, our staff and Inspectors eagerly step up to do whatever we need. The board held seven annual training class sessions for 96 inspectors. The challenge was really **ON** for 2009 as “just in time” training was conducted in August as new procedures and processes and regulations were being developed as we trained. Actually, the first training class received different instruction than the last due to changes and decisions from the State. Election night canvassing and reporting information was given to inspectors at the polls by the Poll Site Coordinators on Primary Day. About half of the trained and certified inspectors on the BMD (Ballot Marking Device) were new to the machine in an attempt to have all inspectors familiar with the equipment within a few years, saving taxpayer dollars. At the end of October, immediately before the General Election, we held a “hands- on refresher course” for the Ballot Marking Device (BMD) inspectors. In 2009, the training classes themselves were restructured using the recently developed Flow Chart and interactive roll playing, both proving to be significant tools in the training process. **Our inspectors and staff are the BEST,**



Many Many Thanks!!!

Worth repeating.

September 17, 2009

To the Editor

We at the Yates County Board of Elections are taking this opportunity to thank all the Election Workers who had the patience to work a great many new procedures for the Primary Election. We also thank everyone who voted on the new ImageCast system.

Although there were a few delays while we sorted through new operations the voters were very pleasant and patient. Overall people seem to think the new system is easy to use and works well, as do we. Anyone who has not seen the new voting system please check the Yates County web site for Voter Outreach activities in your neighborhood.

Election Commissioners
Robert Brechko and Amy Daines

As we express our appreciation we would be remiss if we did not extend our sincere appreciation to our fellow Yates County teammates in Buildings & Grounds, Highway and Sheriffs' Departments; without the assistance and cooperation from each of them our costs would be significantly higher.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all Inspectors, Technicians, Election Operations Assistants, Poll Site Coordinators and Voters for participating in the electoral process!

Oh,

& last but not least, a VERY heartfelt Thank You to Pamela Welker for 14 plus years of service to the Board of Elections, 30 plus to Yates County.



Where her heart is now.....



Welker Retires July 26, 2009



Amy J. Daines began her association with the Yates County Board of Elections when she became an Election Inspector in the Town of Italy in 2000. She joined the Board of Elections staff in mid-2008, and worked in a series of positions leading to her appointment as the Republican Commissioner of Elections upon Pam Welker's retirement. She was appointed by the County Republican Committee to her first full two-year term in that office, running from the beginning of 2010 through the end of 2011.

Amy is a native of Yates County. Amy is engaged to Stacey Shay, has 2 Rat Terrier dogs with 10 acres to roam among the pine & fruit trees, flower and vegetable gardens, when they're not swimming & fishing in the pond. Amy's Mom is active and well, serving as an Election Inspector for Potter. Prior to her career in the Board of Elections office, Amy held a variety of jobs including Innkeeper/Manager, Realtor, Central Station Dispatcher, Board of Assessment Review member and nearly 25 years in the manufacturing world with a strong focus on quality and statistical processes. That diverse set of positions gave her a broad range of skills and experience that serve the Board of Elections and the voters of Yates County well.

In just her first few months as Commissioner of Elections, Amy has tackled tasks such as creating training materials that become Election Day tools, standardize computer file storage, expanded annual meeting and department training in Microsoft Access.

Already, Amy has brought fresh eyes and an innovative approach to the difficult task of balancing the needs of the voters with challenging economic and political circumstances.

2009 MONTHLY NARRATIVE

January 2009

- The Commissioners, Deputies and Assistants met and held their annual meeting.
- Annual statistical and narrative report was prepared and submitted to the New York State Board of Elections
- The Commissioners (& Amy) attended the Winter Conference in Cooperstown, January 20th through January 23rd. The winter conference of Election Commissioners involved the selection of the new voting system and new requirements for implementing the systems. The work load for all Board of Elections will be increasing considerably due to machine testing, voter and poll worker training, mandatory re-canvas audits and other duties related to the new system and HAVA.
- The Commissioners attended a Regional Meeting in Cayuga County.
- Year - end report data collection has begun.

February 2009

- The Commissioners continue revising the board's procedural manual.
- Submitted Resolution to adjust wages of election workers to reflect elimination of separate mileage payment checks.
- Received notification from all County Towns with positions up for election in 2009, we notified the State.
- Held monthly office meeting.
- Participated in Regional conference call receiving status updates on machine certification and processes.
- Commissioners continue to put Annual Report together.

March 2009

- Finish Annual report and submitted to County Legislatures and State.
- Hosted required voting machine technician training for Seneca, Schuyler & Yates.
- Resolution requesting funding for Election Management System which includes hardware, installation and testing of software we currently own and training in the use of this software in order to create ballots for elections within the county.
- Resolution to have Chairman sign the Poll Worker Training & Voter Education Grant Renewal (\$5984. Left in grant for voter education)
- Commissioners continue to update procedures manual with new operating procedures for the Board of Elections.

- Election Operation Assistants re-supplied the county Post Offices, Libraries and Town Offices with voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications.
- Commissioners Welker and Brechko conducted a voter registration drive at the Penn Yan Academy, registering 85 new voters.
- Received the Political Calendar for 2009 from the State.
- Held monthly office meeting.
- Commissioners started recruiting additional Inspectors and new system custodians / technicians.
- Commissioners began searching for new polling sites to replace Jerusalem 1 and 4.
- Participated in Regional conference call receiving status updates on machine certification and processes.

April 2009

- Commissioners continued to meet with their committee to discuss the needs of the Board of Elections as a result of the HAVA court mandate.
- Commissioners Welker & Assistant Daines attended New York State Board of Elections annual conference April 27th - April 29th in Albany, where sessions included BMD Acceptance Testing, Receipt Process, Pre Election Testing, Poll Worker Training, Campaign Finance and NYSVoter updates, as well as new SOE Software.
- April 21st and 22nd Commissioners Welker & Brechko, Technician Wolff and Assistant Daines attended ballot creation introduction sessions.
- We continued to work on new operating procedures for the Board of Elections as a result of the new voting system requirements.
- Decided to remain at IDA with Jerusalem Election District 4 until another site can be located.
- Participated in Regional conference call receiving status updates on machine certification and processes.
- Held monthly office meeting.

May 2009

- Elections Operations Assistants began preparations for up-coming elections training and also continued recruiting more Inspectors.
- National Change of Address (NCOA) lists were received the end of May.
- The State BOE has decided to run the election this year with the new voting machines as a pilot program with the county participation being voluntary.
- Voter Outreach location and schedule being developed.
- Participated in Regional conference call receiving status updates on machine certification and processes.
- Held monthly office meeting.
- Amy Daines appointed Republican Deputy Commissioner, Helen Scarpechi appointed Election Operations Assistant May 4th.
- Consideration to staffing changes and needs for the coming election.
- Village of Penn Yan considering having the BOE conduct their elections.

June 2009

- The Petition process began on June 9th.
- Voter Outreach scheduling continues.
- Annual Inspector Training classes scheduled the week of June 15th were cancelled due to additional changes to procedure. “Just in Time” training will be conducted sometime in August.
- Commissioners, Deputies and Assistants spent 2 days in Geneva participating in training classes on Absentee Enhancements, New Staff, Poll Worker Module and general updates from NTS who provides Election Software to the State.
- The Commissioners attended the summer conference June 23rd – 25th held in Geneva. The agenda included HAVA Complaint Procedures, Regional meetings with Pilot Counties, State reports and updates.
- Participated in Regional conference call receiving status updates on machine certification and processes.
- Held monthly office meeting.
- Commissioner Welker announced her retirement, effective July 26th, 2009
- Yates County Republican Committee appointed Deputy Commissioner Daines to fill Commissioner Welker’s term ending December 31, 2009.
- Presented new staffing requirements.
- All voting machine scanners are being returned to Sequoia for firmware and hardware modifications.
- Sequoia will be programming Yates County Ballots for 2009 Elections due to delayed certification, updates and the inability to staff and train all pilot counties in time for the elections.

July 2009

- Monthly department meeting held.
- Received new security policy from State BOE that has a direct impact on voting procedures, transporting and security of the ballots. Gone are the day of returning supplies individually or in the morning, Bi-Partisan teams or law enforcement are the future.
- The Commissioners began work on the 2010 budget. Staffing is still a major focus as compliance issues continually change. Efforts to bring Deputy Commissioners to full time status continue and if successful the Assistant positions would be eliminated.
- Plans were made with NTS to submit mail check file to NTS for Annual mail check cards due out in August.
- Independent nominating petitions began circulating July 7th..
- Legislatures approved appointment of Amy Daines as Commissioner to finish retiring Republican Commissioner Welker’s term.
- Commissioner Daines appointed Helen Scarpechi as her Deputy.
- Voter Outreach locations include the Fair, Sidewalk Sale in Penn Yan and the Dresden Fire Department Bar B Q.
- 76 Designating Petitions were filed between July 13th and July 16th. Commissioners acted on 1 petition objection and overruled it.
- New operating procedures for inspectors being created by BOE staff.
- Met with Sheriff Spike to discuss new identification badges for Inspectors and security key tags for poll sites that we possess keys for. New security procedures developed and implemented.

August 2009

- There will be a County wide Primary in Yates County for the Republican and Conservatives.
- Election Operations Assistant Selwood and the Commissioners held training classes for inspectors implementing the use of “roll playing” and the new training materials created.
- Office meetings were held weekly.
- Voter Outreach efforts were very successful with locations being Rushville Community Days, Potter Onion Festival, Antique Show & sale at the Fairgrounds, Penn Yan Fireman’s Parade, Middlesex Roast Beef supper, S.C.O.P.E. picnic and Milo Corn Roast.
- 2010 budget being developed for submission.
- Candidates filed 24 Independent nominating petitions with our board between August 11th and the 18th.
- The Commissioners continued to work on the 2009 budget.
- Ballots Ordered, 110 % of registered voters for each election district at \$.59 each.
- Met with Sheriff Spike to discuss ballot transportation needs, assistance will be provided.
- Technician Ron Merritt resigned due to conflict from full time work out of the area.
- Commissioner Daines appointed Charlie Kreuzer to the Technician position and Debbie Trischler to the Assistant position.
- Voting machines and supplies were being assembled for the Primary.
- Commissioners submitted 2010 budget request.
- Voting booths were ordered.

September 2009

- Commissioners eliminated the Custodian position and created an Election Coordinator position to reflect the changes in voting systems.
- We began receiving returned mail check cards, and processing them as we could, according to procedures.
- Implementing last minute changes as we participate in the Pilot.
- Elections Operation Assistants conducted additional training sessions and a last minute practice session for BMD inspectors.
- Commissioners continue the Voter Outreach efforts speaking with the Lyons Club at their meeting on the 28th answering questions and receiving valuable feedback from the Primary. Also attended the Barrington Riffle Club Event.
- We conducted and certified the Primary Election.
- 3% Audit conducted on voting machine. All good!!!

October 2009

- Held monthly office meeting.
- Resolution to increase Election Operation Assistant's hours for this year approved.
- Conducted a refresher BMD training class for those Inspectors working in that capacity just prior to machine certification.
- We continued to receive absentee ballot requests and began mailing the ballots as soon as they arrived, Oct 6th
- Cancelled Voter Outreach session for the Windmill and Benton Firehouse Breakfast due to cold rainy weather.
- Technicians ran test decks on the new voting systems and certified for the General Election November 3rd.
- Scheduled EMS installation for early January.
- Prepare for Budget Workshop.

November 2009

- Deploy machines and supplies for General Election and then retrieve.
- The general Election was held on November 3rd. 4 machine issues resulting in ballots being cast using Emergency procedures.
- Dominion tech arrived 8pm & traveled to Potter & Rushville hoping to restore voting machine, unable to restore assisted with hand count.
- Commissioner Brechko traveled with Assistant Trischler to Himrod (Milo-4) to assist with hand counting.
- Poll Site Coordinators Kreuzer and Stuart traveled to Torrey to assist with hand counting.
- Commissioner Daines with the serious assistance of Technician Wolff created a summary page for Election night reporting to compile all totals for each contest.
- Commissioner Daines remained at the office to receive election results, notify media and candidates and coordinate efforts to ensure all materials were securely returned and tracked from polls back to the BOE. Sheriff Spike supplied 4 officers to assist.
- 3% Audit conducted on Italy voting machine.
- Absentee Ballots counted
- Certified election results
- Village of Penn Yan election to be conducted by this board, public notice out.
- There were 27 affidavit ballots cast during the election, of those 18 were counted. Letters were sent to each voter advising them whether or not their vote was counted.
- Processing Check Cards
- Processed Voter registration changes received after October 8th.
- Monthly office meeting conducted.

December 2009

- We continue to process all voter registrations and registration and enrollment changes received after October 8th. This process continued through January 2010.
- We began working on our year end reports. Surveys from the State have yet to arrive.
- EMS training scheduled for February.
- Commissioner Daines scheduled Microsoft Access training for Commissioner, Deputies, Technicians and Assistants for January to enable everyone to begin using the training with the Village Election information. This program will greatly reduce risk of error due to typing errors.
- Penn Yan Village election petition preparation.

Absolute last but not least:

Thank you to the Legislatures of Yates County for acknowledging the significant efforts from the Board of Election staff to accept the challenge by participating fully in the Pilot Program paving the way to the future elections in Yates County as well as other counties in the state and giving credit to the Board for the significant Voter Outreach efforts in 2009.

Your WELCOME!