



# *Board of Elections* WARREN COUNTY

## THE PEO CONNECTION

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### November General Election

Congratulations on making it through a historic election! Warren County has broken several records - such as a record number of registered voters. Since the Primary Election, we added 8,500 new voters, bringing us to 167,624.

Another record broken - highest turnout election our county has ever had, at over 80%. Even though most of the turnout was at our office during early voting and by mail, we still realize that the polling locations were busy at peak times. This high turnout during early voting undoubtedly helped all our polling locations by reducing the number of voters processed. We are proud of all our Board staff and our Precinct Election Officials for helping make this election so successful for Warren County.

We realize our electronic poll books are at the end of their life, and in 2021 we will be looking at purchasing all new equipment. We will also be looking at expanding our new online PEO training and possibly training workers for specific tasks at the locations. If you ever have any comments or suggestions on improving the election process, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

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I want to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful Pollworkers. This was a very challenging election, but you all stepped up to meet that challenge.

I am so honored to work with you.

- Joy Day, Republican Poll Worker Coordinator

The voters of Warren County were welcomed to the polls on Tuesday, November 3rd, by Pollworkers who were trained in Ohio's election laws, all focused on one thing: preserving the integrity of the election process and providing an election that our voters know is fair and true. I am particularly proud of our team, whom I feel went forth with an amazing attitude, respect, and knowledge necessary to create an environment that was welcoming to all and safe for all. They answered a recruiting SOS to staff an election in the midst of a global pandemic with fierce bravery and determination that the people's voice would be heard. And it was. We salute each and every one of them, and the ones who came before them, in whose footsteps they would follow on a path of commitment and hard work for our democracy. Thank you.

- Dee Hudson, Democratic Poll Worker Coordinator

"Love being a part of this process and appreciate the fact that we have the best Board of Elections in the state of Ohio!"

- Amy

"It was truly my pleasure to participate in this sacred trust; ensuring that everyone can vote. [...] Most of us workers were new and instantly bonded by our work regardless of party."

- Veronica

"My first election was so fun - such a pleasure to be involved in the election this way."

- Joy

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## The Three Amigos

Our pollworkers always make great teams, and these gentlemen are no exception. Charles Daniels, Joel Swisher, and Milo Penafiel (pictured left) got along so well, they dubbed themselves "The Three Amigos". They enjoyed their work at their polling location in Maineville, and laughed often!

## KIND-ness!

The Board of Elections received a generous donation from the KIND Foundation/Frontline Impact Project, who wanted to support our pollworkers and election officials during this busy election. They sent hundreds of snacks and beverages such as Kind Bars, Neuro Gum, Ferrara Candy, and Kate Farms nutrition shakes to each of our polling locations as a thank-you for the work we were doing.



We were very grateful for their KINDness, and were even able to send the remaining donations to United Way of Warren County and Warren County Community Services to help fill care packages for senior citizens in need throughout the county.

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### Election Night Stats

- The Associated Press stated that Warren County was the first Board of Elections in this part of the country to report our absentee results nationally.
- The first polling locations to report back to the BOE on Election Night were Countryside YMCA, Pure Ministries, and Turtlecreek Township Admin Building at 8:27 p.m.
  - Our last location reported back at 9:45 p.m.

#### Slowest Precincts

Precinct 216 - 46 voters (5.82%)

Precinct 178 - 59 voters (6.20%)

#### Busiest Precincts

Precinct 193 - 447 voters (52.22%)

Precinct 189 - 322 voters (49.31%)

“Everyone that worked at the Southwest Church location did an excellent job! Most of our workers were new, but they were so willing to do anything needed and more. They picked up on everything very quickly. [...] I believe our location put everyone that walked in at ease that we had it down and that things were being done correctly.

That is because of the workers!”

- Lynda Bowman, Location Coordinator



“Precincts 67, 68, 86, and 89 having a blast! Best PEO crew in all of Warren County - huge shout out to the majority of first-time volunteers!”

- Cole Hetman

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### Project Search

At the start of autumn, the Board of Elections began working with Project Search, a program that places students and recent graduates with disabilities into internship positions. Through the program, we were able to work with twelve interns who assisted us on many levels to cover the election workload. Students including Haley Marion, Jacob Russell, and Evan Holt took care of clerical duties such as shredding, cleaning, and sorting, among other responsibilities. In addition to putting credit toward their internships, the program also allows the interns to have paid work while their usual employment is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With their help, we were able to continue running things smoothly throughout the election cycle while helping them find the work they needed during difficult times. We are very grateful for their participation, their assistance, and their friendship during a very hectic election!

"[...] The team I worked with in polling location 230 was the best team I have ever worked with in all my years. I thought maybe you could unofficially nominate them as the Best Team in 2020, not just Warren County and not just in Ohio, but in all of the U.S.A.

Too much? I don't think so."

- Alan



The commemorative pin given to all our pollworkers. (If you did not receive your pin, please contact our office in December).

"I'm glad I got to participate and am all the more appreciative of the work everyone puts in to make the election process function as well as it does."

- David

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## A Note from Brian and Shari

What a year! Even as we write this, we are still trying to finish up this CRAZY election cycle. We hit the ground running last December and haven't stopped since COVID took over our Primary and everything we knew about cleaning guidelines. We want to especially thank anyone willing to serve with all the unknowns in the Primary Election and then everyone who stepped up this election to keep health-compromised people from having to work. We really saw SUCH a team effort and couldn't be more proud of how everyone pitched in!

Speaking of team effort - thanks for accomodating our helpers from Project Search. We heard from several locations that they had more help than voters, but hopefully having a calm Election Day was a nice surprise. Your flexibility with us as we rolled out online training, socially distant training, and new cleaning assignments was admirable. We know that it is a sacrifice to wear a mask/shield for any length of time and we are grateful for the many who served despite the requirements. If the Primary Election showed us anything, it was that you are more essential than you can realize. Hopefully for many of you, this will be the first of many times working as a Precinct Election Official. We would love to have you back!

- *Brian and Shari*



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## Our Mission

**"To recruit and train the best Precinct Election Officials who are committed to serve voters and protect the integrity of the Election."**

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