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FAYETTE COUNTY ELECTION BUREAU PREPARING FOR PRIMARY

Uniontown, PA – The Fayette County Election Bureau is ready for Tuesday's primary, having undergone a series of changes in recent months.

May 17 will mark the first Election Day in the bureau's new location in the Gallatin Bank Building at 2 West Main St. in Uniontown. The bureau no longer conducts business at the nearby Public Service building, having completed the move between offices in early April.

Election Bureau Director Marybeth Kuznik said her staff are settling into their new surroundings quite well.

"We're looking forward to utilizing the new space; getting comfortable with running an election here; and developing new practices, so that we can serve the voters more efficiently," Kuznik said.

All voters and others accessing the Fayette County Election Bureau Tuesday should use the temporary entrance along West Main Street and follow the signage to Suite 111.

Another major election change followed the move, as the Fayette County Board of Commissioners officially raised poll worker pay rates during their last monthly meeting. The new rates are, as follows:

- Judge of Election - $160.
- Majority Inspector - $130.
- Minority Inspector - $130.
- Clerk - $130.
- Constabile - $130.

Kuznik said the new rates have proven to be an incentive, "definitely helping" to attract new poll workers.

"Most of our positions are filled, but we still have spots available for this Tuesday. If anybody would like to work the polls, there's a very good chance we can accommodate them," Kuznik said. "They may not necessarily be placed in their own precinct, so light travel could be required."

Kuznik also said voters should be informed and prepared ahead of the primary, whether casting their ballots via mail-in, absentee or in person.

"If anyone didn't receive their mail-in ballot or had issues with it, they can still go to the polling place to vote. They just have to remember to bring their entire ballot packet with them to surrender it at the polls before voting in person," Kuznik said. "If they don't have their ballot, they can still vote with a provisional ballot, which will be counted, as long as no other ballots have been submitted in their name."

Voters may also bring their mail-in or absentee ballots to the Fayette County Election Bureau before 8 p.m. on Election Day. However, voters may only bring their own ballot and cannot deliver another person's ballot without filling out the required paperwork, which can be found at www.vote.pa.gov.

All deadlines have now passed for registering to vote and applying for a mail-in or absentee ballot. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Voters can also locate their polling place at www.vote.pa.gov.

For more information, call the Fayette County Election Bureau at 724-430-1289.

For more information about Fayette County, visit www.FayetteCountyPA.org.

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