

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

2024 Annual Report

The Greene County Board of Elections was extremely active throughout the 2024 Election Year. In addition to the normal election cycle of village elections in March, State/Federal primary in June and regular November elections, we had to manage the once every four years Presidential Primary in April.

As in most recent years, we also were faced with the continuing implementation of changes to New York State Election Laws resulting from State Legislative actions. Perhaps the most labor-intensive change involved the new Early Vote by Mail (EVBm) program. This was a vast expansion of the Absentee Voting process where voters could receive an absentee ballot if they met certain criteria. The Early Vote by Mail program allows voters to have a ballot mailed to them without any reason. It simply allows individuals to vote by mail.

While far too many individuals are under the misconception that our Board staff are only busy at election time, nothing could be further from the truth. The day-to-day operations of the Board are quite demanding and keep our small staff extremely busy. Management of voter registration lists is a daily task. New registrations, address changes, and other issues come to the board daily via registration forms directly from voters, NYS Department of Motor Vehicles updates and NYS Board of Elections online Voter Registration System and Absentee/EVBm portal. Numerous Election Inspector training classes take place over the course of select time periods to keep our election inspectors up to date on new laws and processes.

Additionally, each election comes with numerous filings of petitions and/or caucus paperwork nominating candidates in advance of each election. Finally, reports required by the NYS Board of Elections are numerous and time consuming.

As for elections, 2024 saw the Greene County Board of Elections administer:

***VILLAGE ELECTIONS:** The four village elections administered by our Board occurred on March 19, 2024. The 2024 Village Election cycle involved contests for Trustee positions in those villages. As a side note, the Village of Hunter opted for the County Board to assume the responsibility for its village election in 2025. Therefore, the Greene BOE will now administer all village elections in the county.

***PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY:** The Presidential Primary was held on April 2, 2024. There was a contest for Republican voters to select a preferred candidate to award National Convention delegates to.

***SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS:** While the Board does not directly administer school district elections, we do work with our school districts in a cooperative fashion to facilitate those elections. We provide access to our voting machines which save districts from having to purchase their own at a cost of \$12,000 to \$15,000 per machine. We also provide voter enrollment information and access to our trained election inspectors if a district desires. At the end of the day, this cooperation saves our local taxpayers money.

***STATE/FEDERAL PRIMARY:** The 2024 State/Federal Primary was held on June 25, 2024. There was a contest for voters of the Democratic party to select a candidate for the NYS Assembly.

***GENERAL ELECTION:** The 2024 General Election was conducted on November 5, 2024. This was an extremely busy election cycle with the offices of President, U.S. Senate, Congress, NYS Senate, NYS Assembly, Supreme Court Judge in the 3rd Judicial District and some local races to fill various vacancy which occurred in county and town offices.

As mandated by NYS Law, the Presidential Primary, State/Federal Primary and General Election all required a nine day early voting period. The Greene County Early Voting site is our County Office Building. Each period requires a minimum of four election inspectors to be brought in to accommodate our voters.

As has been our tradition and history, the Greene County Board of Elections diligently works to conduct fair and impartial elections in the most cost-efficient manner possible. Without the support and assistance of so many others we would not be able to accomplish our responsibilities and mandate. Therefore, we wish to acknowledge and thank:

- *The staff of the Greene County Board of Elections**
- *County Administrator Shaun Groden and our County Legislators.**
- *County Department Heads and their staff.**

Please see the attached for some statistical comparisons of recent election year data.

Respectfully submitted.

Deborah Fromer
Democratic Commissioner

Brent Bogardus
Republican Commissioner

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS STATISTICAL REPORT

CATEGORY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Registered Voters	29,549	29,337	29,968	30,417	32,829	32,335	31,178	31,889	33,033
Absentee Ballots Sent	2,198	1,160	2,053	1,080	4,692	1,207	1,821	1,025	3,397
Absentee Ballot Recevied	1,978	798	1,792	826	3,185	860	1,506	722	3,088
Petitions Processed	35	94	60	133	30	23	39	151	32
Registrations Processed	2,926	1,297	635	449	2,412	1,246	2,528	3,917	4,330
Early Voting									
Presidential Primary	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	85
Special	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	380	n/a	n/a
Primary	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	71	12	203	2	125
General	n/a	n/a	n/a	630	4,308	650	1,921	722	5,568