

*Board of Elections for
New Castle County*

February 7, 2008
Meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT

2/7/08

FY 2008

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- **High speed impact printer repaired @ 2,250.**
- **Burster replacement @ \$2,046.**
- **Replaced Signature Card dividers.**
- **Had to use commercial vans (small and large) for technicians instead of State vehicles. Estimated cost: \$2,000.**

EXPENDITURES AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2008

CATEGORY	SPENT	ENCUMBERED	AVAILABLE	BUDGETED	% SPENT
1 PERSONNEL	\$585,856	\$0	\$505,444	\$1,091,300	54%
2 TRAVEL	\$4,429	\$0	\$12,671	\$17,100	26%
3 CONTRACTUAL	\$111,602	\$60,000	\$36,798	\$208,400	54%
4 ENERGY	\$9,229	\$0	\$8,571	\$17,800	52%
5 SUPPLIES	\$7,108	\$0	\$2,592	\$9,700	73%
6 MOBILE REGISTRATION	\$452	\$0	\$3,049	\$3,500	13%
7 FY 2008 SCHOOL ELECTIONS	\$32,948	\$1,300	\$52,752	\$87,000	38%
8 FY 2008 TECHNOLOGY	\$994	\$67	\$6,286	\$7,347	14%
9 FY 2007 SCHOOL ELECTIONS	\$25,864	\$1,997	\$0	\$27,862	93%
10 SPECIAL ELECTION	\$52,303	\$2,939	\$8,911	\$64,154	0%
11 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY	\$32,498	\$46,907	\$631,095	\$710,500	5%
12 FY 2001 REAPPORTIONMENT	\$0	\$0	\$28,277	\$28,277	0%
13 FY 2007 TECHNOLOGY	\$141	\$0	\$0	\$141	100%
14 FY 2005 ELECTION COSTS	\$15,460	\$2,046	\$9,455	\$26,961	57%
15 GSA	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$4	100%
GRAND TOTAL	\$878,889	\$115,257	\$1,305,900	\$2,300,046	38%

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- ***OVERVIEW***
- ***CERTIFICATION***
- ***PREPARATION***
- ***ABSENTEE***
- ***ELECTION DAY***
- ***POST-ELECTION***

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- **OVERVIEW**
 - **Overall – a good election**
 - **As always, some issues....**
 - **Machines performed extremely well**
 - **4 service calls before/during election**
 - **2 printer jams at closing**
 - **All cartridges were successfully read**
 - **Department was busy to hectic due to phone issues.**

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- **CERTIFICATION**

- ***Recommend that the Board certify the Presidential Primary results in New Castle County.***
- ***Only differences between final totals and election night results are the 33 Provisional Ballots that were counted.***
 - ***Clinton – 8***
 - ***Obama – 23***
 - ***McCain – 2***
- ***No reason not to certify the results.***

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• **PREPARATION**

- *Fairly smooth*
- *Almost ran out. Need to rebuild inventory. Will look at alternatives first.*
- *Many of our “Election Day” computers are in bad shape. Need to replace with newer equipment.*
- *Will re-visit our “late” for training policy for last training day.*
- *On-line application system used heavily by citizens*
 - *Makes deadlines easier for citizens*
 - *Will have data next month*

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- **ABSENTEE**

- *A bright spot.*
- *Data*

ITEM	SENT	RETURNED	%
TOTAL	1,411	1220	86.3
MAIL	720	636	88.3
IN-OFFICE	440	440	100.0
UOCAVA	180	123	68.2
EMAIL	71	21	40.1

- *Data transmitted shortly after 8 p.m*
- *Results appeared for an ED after machine results reported*

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- **ELECTION DAY**

- **Independents and other party registrants**
 - **Over-whelmed polling places and our phone system.**
 - **People didn't know OR**
 - **Provide a list of "other" registrants in Polling Place??**
- **Overly aggressive challengers for Obama**
 - **Tension in a few polling places**
 - **Sent an investigator.**
- **Election Officers not familiar enough with Provisional Ballots.**
 - **Voters should not be sent away without an explanation and an offer to do a Provisional Ballot.**
 - **Need to consider modifying training.**

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- **Court orders**
 - **62 approved, 2 denied.**
 - **44 – DMV records**
 - **16 – Party affiliation issues**
 - **2 – others**
 - **2 – general registration issues**
- **Voter registration desk**
 - **Very busy all day. Needed more staff and equipment.**
- **Phone volume**
 - **Reception (public) – 1,941**
 - **Voter Desk – 2,250**
 - **Voting Machine Desk - 792**

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- ***Other issues:***
 - ***Late getting into Victory Christian Fellowship***
 - ***One polling place gave out voter registration apps***
 - ***Media issues***
 - ***Outdoor lights failed at McKean***
 - ***Sign issues***
 - ***Forwood***
 - ***Wilmington Music School***
 - ***Medill***
 - ***Pulaski***
 - ***Red Lion Evangelical Church***

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- ***Provisional Ballots***
 - ***179 completed***
 - ***33 (18.4%) were counted***
- ***Closing very smooth***
 - ***2 printer jams – results printed at Department***
 - ***One set of wandering cartridges***
 - ***Middletown – Glasgow HS – Carvel Building***
 - ***Should have been 100% at about 9:40 p.m.***
 - ***100% at about 10:02 p.m.***

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- **POST ELECTION**
 - **Provisional Ballots evaluated and counted as appropriate**
 - **Need to input status**
 - **Canvass completed**
 - **Next:**
 - **Prepare signature cards for scanning**
 - **Process Update applications**
 - **Scan the signature cards**
 - **Lessons learned meeting with staff**
 - **Implement changes for Primary and General Election**

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BOARD REMOVALS AND CORRECTIONS

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- **REMOVAL PROGRAMS**

- ***Moved from State: 91 (D - 37, R – 29, Other – 25)***
- ***Address Verification: 14 (D – 7, R - 4, Other – 3)***
- ***Personal Requests: 1 (D - 1, R - 0, Other – 0)***

- **BIRTH YEAR CHANGES: 7**

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- **REGISTERED VOTERS**

- *Nov 2004: 362,408*
- *Jan 2008: 358,705*
- *Feb 2008: 359,492*

- **DECEASED – REMOVED FROM ROLLS**

- *Vital Stats: 151 (D - 73, R – 51, Other – 27)*
- *Obits & Written Req: 9 (D - 1, R – 3, Other – 5)*

- **NOT A CITIZEN: 2**

- **PROCESSING & FILING**

- *Post-election processing: new voters, party changes, updates, etc. Probably 2-3 weeks to catch up.*

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FY 2008 Elections

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- **Feb 28: Red Clay CSD Referendum**
- **March 3: Middletown**
- **April 1: Delaware City**
- **April 7: Odessa**
- **April 10: William Penn High School**
- **May 2: William Penn High School**
- **May 13: School Board elections**
- **May 21: UAW 1183**
- **May 28: UAW 1183 (runoff if needed)**

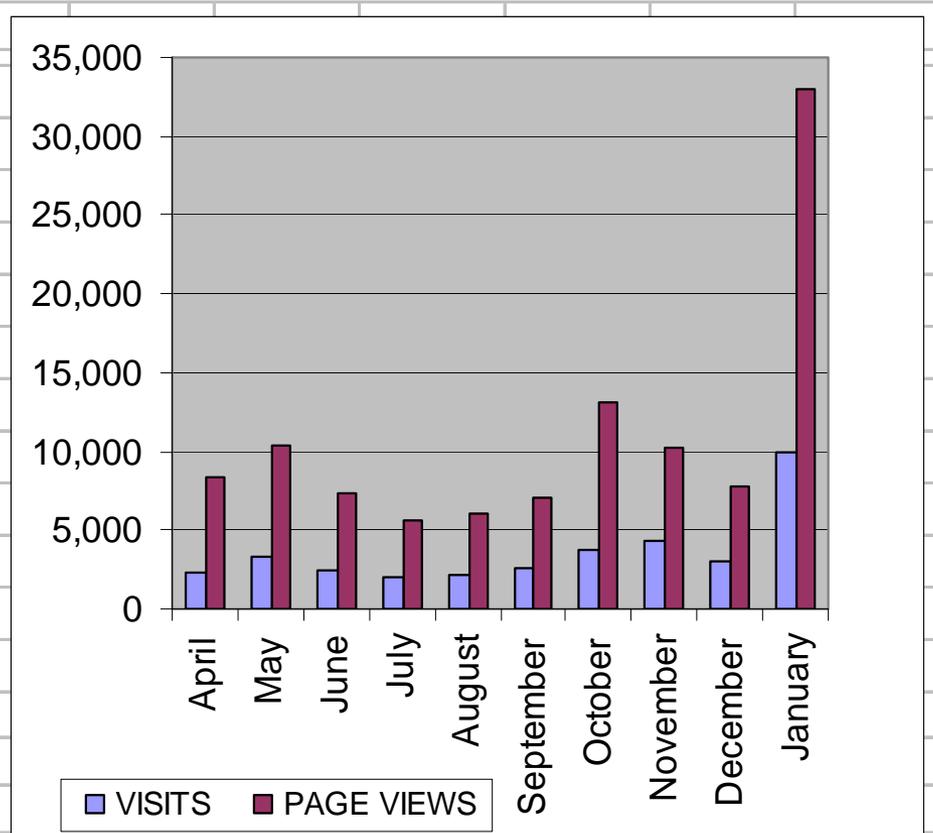
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WEB Site Activity

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<u>MONTH</u>	<u>VISITS</u>	<u>PAGE VIEWS</u>
April	2,237	8,362
May	3,369	10,381
June	2,517	7,405
July	2,073	5,577
August	2,090	6,000
September	2,637	7,080
October	3,764	13,165
November	4,261	10,245
December	2,983	7,808
January	9,987	33,045
February	0	0
March	0	0
BOLD = 2007		
BOLD = 2008		



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WEB Site Activity cont'd

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So far in February:

DATE	VISITS	PAGES
FEB 4	1,856	6,168
FEB 5	2,996	10,101
FEB 6	757	1,799

Pages viewed in February:

- Home – 6,068
- Pres Primary – 1,816
- Election Day Info – 1,423
- Voter Registration – 1,301
- Polling Places - 945

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Staff Training

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GEMS – late March or early April

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Travel

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- ***GEMS Training - TBD***

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Voting Machines

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- ***HARDWARE and FIRMWARE***
 - Newer version available but not installed
- ***SOFTWARE (Guardian)***
 - Newer version available but not installed
- ***SYSTEM TESTING and ACCEPTANCE***
 - Will most likely implement following Presidential Primary

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Absentee System

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- ***HARDWARE and FIRMWARE***
 - Considering high speed model
- ***SOFTWARE***
 - Expect certification of new version expected in February
 - Used old version for Presidential Primary
- ***SYSTEM TESTING and ACCEPTANCE***
 - Awaiting certification

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Help America Vote Act of 2002

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- **Nothing new to report**

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Anticipated Federal Legislation

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- **Rep Holt (D-NJ) has introduced a new bill with incentives to abandon Direct Recording Electronic voting machines but has no mandates.**
 - Reimbursement of “reasonable” costs.
 - New Hampshire recount showed no issues with optical scan counts.

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Pending legislation – General Assembly

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- **Have begun to prepare a new clean-up bill.**
- **Need to draft constitutional change.**

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Personnel

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- **Will try to fill Nancy's position around May 1.**

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Outreach

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- **Expect to meet with News Journal's Editorial Board.**
- **Elections Summit – April xx.**
 - **Voter Registration**
 - **Absentee Voting**
 - **Poll Workers**
 - **Election Process**

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

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- **Red Clay voting machine certification – Feb 21, 2008**
- **Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, 3/4/08**

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STATE OF DELAWARE ELECTIONS SYSTEM
UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY 02/05/08
ACCUMULATIVE TOTALS FOR CANDIDATES
NEW CASTLE COUNTY

ELECTIONS
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205 DISTRICTS REPORTED OUT OF 205 - 100 PERCENT
NCC ABS REPORTED: Y KC ABS REPORTED: Y SC ABS REPORTED: Y

OFFICE NAME	CANDIDATE NAME	PARTY	MAC	ABS	CANDIDATE TOTAL	OFFICE TOTAL
PRESIDENT	BIDEN, JR. JOSEPH R.	DEMOCRATIC	1,765	20	1,785	
	CLINTON HILLARY	DEMOCRATIC	26,208	364	26,572	
	DODD CHRISTOPHER J.	DEMOCRATIC	80	2	82	
	EDWARDS JOHN	DEMOCRATIC	528	47	575	
	KUCINICH DENNIS J.	DEMOCRATIC	111	5	116	
	OBAMA BARACK	DEMOCRATIC	37,414	404	37,818	
	GIULIANI RUDY	REPUBLICAN	709	35	744	
	HUCKABEE MICHAEL D.	REPUBLICAN	3,095	45	3,140	
	MCCAIN JOHN	REPUBLICAN	13,077	150	13,227	
	PAUL RON	REPUBLICAN	1,411	23	1,434	
	ROMNEY MITT	REPUBLICAN	8,639	119	8,758	
TANCREDO TOM	REPUBLICAN	109		109		
			93,146	1,214	94,360	94,360

CERTIFIED AS OFFICIAL BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY:


President


Secretary


Commissioner





