

Augusta County Electoral Board Meeting
Augusta County Government Center
Registrar's Office Board Room
April 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. Present are Ruth Talmage, chair; Cliff Garstang, vice chair; and Tom Long, secretary; and Connie Messick, general registrar.

Ruth moved to recess the business meeting to resume L&A testing on the voting equipment. Cliff seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The board recessed at 1:08 p.m.

The board reconvened in the Registrar's Office at 3:05 p.m.

Ruth moved to approve the minutes of the April 12 meeting. Cliff seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The board discussed curbside voting procedures for the June 13 primary. Two officers will take a ballot in a privacy sleeve to the voter's vehicle. The voter will mark the ballot and place it back in the privacy sleeve. The two officers will immediately take the ballot to the voting scanner to tabulate the vote. Our concern was that uncounted ballots retained in a ballot box until the polls closed might be forgotten.

Connie requested board authorization to begin receiving security alerts from the Virginia Fusion Center. She has also requested a State Police security audit of the Registrar's Office.

On the relocation of the Cedar Green polling place from Beverley Manor Elementary School to Beverley Manor Middle School – the Board of Supervisors approved the ordinance and Connie has filed the necessary documentation with ELECT. She is awaiting ELECT approval to prepare and mail the notices to voters.

The board discussed the Registrar's Office Facebook page and the appropriate information for posting.

By consensus, the board directed Connie to order 100 cardboard privacy screens for use during the June 13 primary. Polling places will use a combination of tabletop privacy screens, refurbished voting booths, and the ADA voting booth in June. The board will revisit this topic after gauging voter and officer preferences in the primary.

Tom reported that four Stuarts Draft High School students will assist with equipment return on the evening of June 13.

Cliff reported that several area groups have been trained in third party voter registration and the Registrar's Office may see an increase in activity.

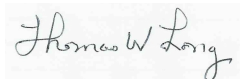
Cliff reported that he is working with school maintenance staff, the principal at BMMS, Candy Hensley, and the chief officer of election to assure ADA compliance, storage of equipment, and contact

information is ready for the June primary.

Connie will be in contact with American of Virginia regarding the contract and the equipment moving needs. She will also notify the other bidder of the board's decision. During this transition to a contractor delivering equipment we need to confirm storage and contact information for all polling places and make it available to the contractor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas W. Long". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Tom Long, secretary