

Augusta County Electoral Board Meeting
Augusta County Government Center
Registrar's Office Board Room
October 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 12:16 p.m. following L&A testing of the voting equipment to be used in November. The board was assisted in the testing by representatives of ESO. Present at the board meeting are Ruth Talmage, chair; Cliff Garstang, vice chair; Tom Long, secretary; Connie Messick, general registrar; and Robin Moyer, chief assistant general registrar.

Cliff moved to approve the minutes of the September 18 meeting. Ruth seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Connie reported that Michael Ernest, sign language interpreter, has requested a board member make a presentation for his group. Tom will make contact with Mr. Ernest to determine time and date.

Cliff moved to approve officers of election to a term concurrent with present officers. Tom seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. The following officers were appointed: Corinne Brace, Jolivue; Dennis Erdal, Verona; Craig Brimhall, Weyers Cave; Anthony Whitehead and Rhonda Rawson, Fishersville; and Mary Huffer, North River.

The board discussed the hiring and assignment of the technicians for all elections. Help is needed the day before and the day of L&A testing, the Saturday morning before the election, Monday prior to the election to assist with distribution of the equipment, and all day on Election Day. Ruth will contact each person to be sure all parties understand and are in agreement.

The board discussed the placement of signs and parking at Cassell Elementary that hosts the Crimora and Dooms precincts.

On Monday, November 6 chiefs will pick up voting equipment in Smith's Transfer West. Cliff will be there from 8:00-10:00 a.m.; Ruth from 10:00-12:00 noon; and Tom from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

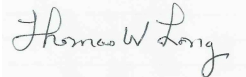
The board will meet at 10 a.m. on November 8 to canvass the returns. Chris of American of Virginia will deliver ballots to the Circuit Court.

Other than the required press notice sent by the office 10 days prior to the deadline for registering to vote, the board does not plan a press release. If contacted by the press, board members will emphasize the deadlines for in-person absentee voting and registration and will remind the public that we are using digital/optical scan voting equipment.

Tom moved to purchase eight uninterruptible power supply units (as recommended by ESO) for precincts without any generator backup. Ruth seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The board will pursue purchasing additional uninterruptible power supply units for all precincts in the next budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Long, secretary