

Augusta County Electoral Board Meeting
Augusta County Government Center
Registrar's Office Board Room
January 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. Present are Ruth Talmage, chair; Cliff Garstang, vice chair; Tom Long, secretary; Connie Messick, general registrar; and Robin Moyer, chief assistant general registrar.

Ruth moved to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2017 meeting. Cliff seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Connie reported on her memo to the polling place contacts reminding them of election dates in 2018.

She also reported on progress in preparing the budget and funds in the capital account. She meets with the finance director on January 23. In that context, the board discussed the need for new electronic pollbooks by November, 2018. Estimated costs are \$93,000.00 with printers and \$73,000.00 without printers. Board members will have an opportunity to learn more about vendors's pollbook products at the VEBA conference in early March. Also briefly discussed is the "state solution" pollbook software. More information will be sought at the VEBA conference and at an upcoming the registrars's regional meeting.

Cliff moved and Ruth seconded to accept the American of Virginia proposal of \$7,274.00 per election for distributing and picking up election equipment and supplies. The motion passed unanimously. The board and registrar also discussed the need for more clarity between American of Virginia, the chief at each polling place, and in our delivery inventory to assure that the correct supplies are delivered and picked up after an election.

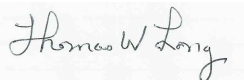
Cliff moved and Ruth seconded to hire ESO for L&A testing for the June primary. The cost is \$1,200.00. The motion passed unanimously. The board consensus is that after this additional learning experience with ESO's oversight, we should be able to conduct the testing without their assistance in November.

Ruth moved and Cliff seconded that we participate in the "poll worker research survey." Board members will forward the information and survey link to our officers for whom we have email addresses. Participation will be encouraged but optional for the individual officer. The board will not give officers's contact information to the researchers. The motion passed unanimously.

By consensus, the board agreed that Connie should pursue the same part time assistance for distributing equipment and helping on election day in June.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Long, secretary