

Augusta County Electoral Board
Approved Minutes of Meeting
October 22, 2018
Registrar's Office, Augusta County Government Center

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm. Present were: Ruth Talmage, Chair; Marcy Reedy, Vice-Chair; Cliff Garstang, Secretary; Connie Evans, Registrar; Robin Moyer, Chief Deputy Registrar.
- II. Approval of Minutes. Marcy moved approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2018 meeting. Ruth seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- III. Registrar's Report.
 - A. Connie informed the Board that the office has been busy with sending out absentee ballots and asked if the Board thought we needed an additional officer in the Central Absentee Precinct on Election Day. The Board felt that the current staffing--one chief and one assistant chief plus two officers--should be sufficient, but will revisit the matter if absentee ballot turnout grows significantly.
- IV. Continuing Business
 - A. Connie presented the Board with a list of new officers of election for the general election. Cliff moved that the named individuals (listed below) be appointed as officers of election for a term ending February 28, 2019. Marcy seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Newly appointed officers of election: Nicholas Mihailoff and Bernadette O'Neill (Stuarts Draft Elementary); Denise Kelley (Crimora); Donald Garber, Linda Greene, and Anne McGuigan (Weyers Cave); Roger Massie and Charles Phibbs (Fort Defiance); Debbie Hammer and Fred Shira (Mount Solon); Dale Smith and May Smith (Buffalo Gap); James elder, James Hinton, Jerry Rosen, and Joyce Rosen (Sherando); Stephanie Garth (Dooms); Derek Almarode (Fishersville); Haley Garnett (Wilson).
 - B. Ruth noted that one of her new officers would not be able to attend one of the regular training sessions because of a work conflict and instead would be trained by Ruth and a chief officer. The Board agreed that the circumstances justified this exception to the general requirement that officers attend training.
 - C. The Board will meet with Chris Chambers of American of Virginia on October 29 at 2:30 pm (if he is available at that time) in order to make sure that we are prepared for the contractors to pick up and deliver the equipment from the warehouse.
- V. New Business.
 - A. Ruth noted that a middle school student from Stewart Middle School would be an observer/page at the Fort Defiance precinct, as was also done last year with the Chief's consent. The student will not be paid, but we discussed the need for him to be sworn in as he will be working in the vicinity of ballots and equipment.
- VI. Other Business.
 - A. Public Comments. No members of the public were present.

- B. Board Comments. Cliff asked Connie about her progress with getting trained to work with ePulse (the back end of the KnowInk Poll Pads). She indicated she had been working closely with Caleb from KnowInk and would continue to work with him to be sure that the poll pads were loaded with the correct information for the election. The set up will be tested during poll pad training and will be finalized on the Saturday before the election. Connie noted that she was not happy with the lack of training received from ESO, the vender of the poll pads, and has let them know as much. She has also made this clear to KnowInk. As a backup to the new poll pads, she plans to print paper poll books for this election, which may also be useful in Craigsville (because of the special circumstances of its Town election). Connie also noted that the set up doesn't currently allow the precincts to add people to the poll book (which we previously had the capacity to do with the Registrar's guidance). We hope that will be resolved in the future, but for this election, we will have the precinct add voters to the paper poll books in the rare event that this is necessary. Also, because the printed entry tickets do not show ballot styles, Craigsville will have to use the old 3X5 card system for voters who will be given the Town council ballots.
- C. Ruth noted that a voter had called her to complain that he had received a new voter registration card from the state that showed he was registered in Rockingham County, but he has lived in and voted in Augusta County for 20 some years. Ruth plans to discuss this situation with Connie and Robin to see how the situation might have come about and how it might be resolved.

VII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cliff Garstang". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Clifford Garstang, Secretary