

Augusta County Electoral Board  
**Approved** Minutes of Meeting  
October 29, 2018  
Registrar's Office, Augusta County Government Center

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm. Present were: Ruth Talmage, Chair; Marcy Reedy, Vice-Chair; Cliff Garstang, Secretary; Connie Evans, Registrar.
- II. Approval of Minutes. Ruth moved approval of the minutes of the October 22, 2018 meeting. Marcy seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- III. Registrar's Report.
  - A. Connie informed the Board that she had met with representatives of the Republican Party who informed her of the time frame they hoped to follow for the Special Election to elect Ben Cline's replacement in the 24th District of the House of Delegates IF Cline wins election to Congress from the 6th District. Their time frame includes Cline's resignation on November 7 to create the vacancy, a declaration by Speaker Cox on November 9 of his intention to call the special election and then the actual call on November 13 for a December 18 election. Connie confirmed with Mat Abell of the Department of Elections that this was a feasible timeline within the law, and would create a deadline of November 19 for candidates to file or be nominated by their parties to run. The Board discussed the ramifications of this time frame, given that Cliff will be out of the country from November 13 to December 20 and one of the other Board members would have to serve as acting Secretary during that time. It was noted that the 24th District includes just 5 full precincts (Craigsville, Greenville, Spottswood, Ridgeview, Middlebrook) plus part of White Hill precinct.
- IV. Continuing Business
  - A. Chris Chambers from American of Virginia joined the meeting. He informed us that equipment (signs, ballot bins, voting booths, etc.) would be picked up from our warehouse this Thursday and delivered to the precincts on Monday before the election. Cliff and Ruth both discussed a few problems that they observed at the precincts during the June primary. The EB informed Chris that we might be having a special election and he said he would give a proposal for the cost because it only involves 6 precincts. We also discussed the need to re-evaluate the condition of our signage after the special election, in preparation for a likely June 2019 primary.
  - B. Ruth moved that Melanie Brimhall be appointed as an officer of election with a term ending February 28, 2019. Marcy seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
  - C. The Board discussed the need of a possible additional officer for CAP in light of the heavier than anticipated turnout. We will attempt to recruit one additional officer and allow CAP to operate with two teams of two officers plus Steve as the Chief to assist as needed.
- V. New Business.

- A. Cliff noted that he planned to conduct one on one training with an officer who can't attend the regular sessions because of work travel and would also work with another officer to help her understand the poll pads.
- VI. Other Business.
  - A. Public Comments. No members of the public were present.
- VII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Clifford Garstang, Secretary