Augusta County Electoral Board

**Approved** Minutes of Meeting

February 24, 2020

South Board Room, Augusta County Government Center

I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:38pm. Present were: Cliff

 Garstang, Chair; Marcy Reedy, Vice-Chair; Georgia Alvis-Long, Secretary; and

 Connie Evans, General Registrar.

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting. Cliff moved to approve the minutes

 from the February 12th meeting. Marcy seconded and the motion was approved

 unanimously.

III. Registrar’s Report.

 A. Move Verona precinct to Smith East/West Room - Not for March

 Connie reported she had been informed Parks and Recreation, not Joyce Hoover, is responsible for reserving the Smith East room. She stated that Parks and Recreation did not agree to our request to use the Smith East room for the entire 45-days of No Excuse Voting if the 45-day time frame should become law July 1. The Board unanimously agreed that until

 it is known what the General Assembly’s final vote is on No Excuse Voting

 we would not move the Verona precinct from the South Board room to

 the Smith East/West room. Connie recommended that should the 45-day

 time frame become law we invite the County Administrator and the

Director of Parks and Recreation to one of our meetings to discuss options for a secure location to conduct No Excuse Voting.

IV. Continuing Business.

 A. Request for extension of the March 1, 2020 deadline for the Minimum

 Security Standards.

Connie presented a letter to ELECT, drafted by IT, requesting an extension to June 1, 2020. The reasons provided for the extension is the need for more time to digest and strategize before we can respond in a meaningful way and to identify technology changes needed to reduce the attack surface. The draft letter was unanimously approved. Connie stated she would use Augusta County Electoral Board letterhead and send it to ELECT.

V. New Business.

 A. Officer of Election Appointments.

 New Officer of Election to be approved by Electoral Board

 Mary Ann Bryant

 Marcy moved to appoint Mary Ann Bryant as a new OE with her term

 ending on February 28, 2022. Cliff seconded and the motion was

 approved unanimously.

 B. Schedule next meeting.

 Democratic Presidential Primary - March 3, 2020 at 5:00am

 Central Absentee Precinct, Democratic Presidential Primary -

 Cliff moved that CAP arrive on March 3, 2020 at 11:00am. Marcy

 seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

 Election Canvass - March 4, 2020 at 10:00am

 Provisional Ballots Meeting - March 4, 2020 at 12:00pm

 No-ID Provisional Ballots Meeting - March 6, 2020 at 12:01pm, if needed.

VI. Other Business.

 A. Public Comments - No public was present.

 B. Board Member Comments - Marcy brought up a question regarding

 whether or not there was a formal letter of recommendation that could be

 provided to a Chief or Assistant Chief acknowledging their service on

 Election Day to be used as a reference for employment when applying for

 a job. Discussion ensued regarding a few OEs, on occasion, requesting

 letters/emails to provide to their employers to verify that they had worked

 on Election Day but that there was no formal reference letter for

 employment. It was unanimously agreed upon that if an OE requested a

 reference letter for employment that one could be provided to them.

VII. Adjournment. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Georgia Alvis-Long, Secretary