Augusta County Electoral Board

Minutes of Meeting

July 22, 2020

South Board Room, Augusta County Government Center

I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am. Present were: Cliff

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

 Connie Evans, General Registrar. Sharon Betts, Voter Protection Liaison, was

 in attendance during the pertinent portion of the meeting under New Business.

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings. Marcy moved to approve the minutes

 from the June 12th meeting and the Canvass minutes from June 24-26th. Cliff

 seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.

III. Registrar’s Report.

 A. disAbility Law Center of VA Letter -

 Connie presented a letter she received regarding barriers to Absentee

 Voting in Virginia for Individuals with Disabilities. A request has been made

 to the Commonwealth and ELECT to implement an accessible remote

 absentee ballot option for voters with disabilities in the November 2020

 election. No action is required on our part and she will provide updates as

 she learns more.

 B. GR and EB Annual Training - July 20th & 21st, conducted live by webinar.

 Cliff brought up the presentation on No Excuse Absentee Voting and how it

 would be handled. Discussion ensued. Connie reported that Beth Ann

 Hinnant had agreed to be one of the three VERIS Officers that will be

 needed for the entire forty-five days of No Excuse Voting. Connie requested,

 that for continuity purposes, the other two positions be filled by OEs willing to

 commit to the entire 45 days as well. Cliff, Marcy, and Georgia will reach out

 to fill those positions, along with other OEs that will be needed throughout the

 same time frame in order to fully staff the Early Voting Precinct (EVP).

 Connie stated that EVP Officers would be treated as county seasonal

 employees and paid at a rate of approximately $10.74/hour. It was decided

 that it would be preferable to hire EVP Officers who could commit to the full

 forty-five day period, although individuals who could only commit to shorter

 periods of time would be considered. Training will be taking place sometime

 during the week of September 14th.

IV. Continuing Business.

 A. Early Voting Preparedness.

 Ballot Order Percentages - Discussion ensued with the decision to

 request 120% across the board for all precincts to start with. The

 closer it gets to Election Day more ballots could be requested, if

 needed. (There will be 4 ballot styles in total. Craigsville will have 2

 separate ballot styles. Connie will take care of determining ballot

 percentages for those.)

 ESO - L&A Testing - Discussion ensued with the decision to have

 ESO conduct the September 17th L&A Testing at 9am, along with

 one EB member and Connie present. In order to save time and

 money, the Equipment Custodians and Connie will prepare for the

 testing the day before.

V. New Business.

 A. Sharon Betts - Voter Protection Liaison Program.

 Ms. Betts came in to introduce herself as the Augusta County Voter

 Protection Liaison and to ask a few pertinent questions. She also,

 stated that she had recently visited the Fishersville and Wilson

 precincts and had nothing but complimentary things to say about

 them both. Ms. Betts then left the meeting.

 B. Registrar Review - Closed Session.

 10:22 am. Cliff moved that we go in to Closed Session to discuss

 the annual review of the General Registrar. Marcy

 seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

 11:15 am. Came out of Closed Session with all EB members

 adhering to Closed Session rules and regulations. Connie was

 then notified.

VI. Other Business.

 Public Comments. No public was present.

 Board Member Comments. None.

VII. Adjournment. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:25am.

Respectfully submitted,



Georgia Alvis-Long, Secretary