

Augusta County Electoral Board
Approved Minutes of Meeting
January 21, 2022
Smith West Room, Augusta County Government Center

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 11:02am. Present were: Marcy Reedy, Chair; Dave Leatherwood, Vice-Chair; Georgia Alvis-Long, Secretary; Connie Evans, Director of Elections and General Registrar; and Robin Moyer, Assistant Director of Elections and Chief Deputy Registrar.
- II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings. Dave moved approval of the minutes from the October 14, 2021 and Canvass meetings (November 3-5, 2021). Georgia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Registrar's Report.
 - A. PT Position posted until Feb 4.
Connie reported that she has had HR post a PT Assistant Registrar job opening, in order to fill the vacancy left by Shelly Vaught.
- IV. Continuing Business.
None.
- V. New Business.
 - A. Precinct Locations.
Due to Redistricting requirements, 4 new precincts will need to be added to our current allotment in order to accommodate our present and future Voter population. Over the past several days, the Electoral Board and the Redistricting Committee made visits to potential new sites looking for locations that would provide adequate space and would be handicap compliant. The Electoral Board unanimously agreed to 4 new precinct locations to introduce to the Board of Supervisor's, at their Monday, January 24, meeting for their consideration and approval.
Proposed Precinct Locations.
New Precinct #1 - Stuarts Draft Elementary School, Gymnasium.
New Precinct #2 - Edward G. Clymore Elementary School, Cafeteria.
New Precinct #3 - Brite Bus Transit Service
New Precinct #4 - Bridge Christian Church
The Board of Supervisor's will give each precinct and official precinct name once they are approved.
2 of our current polling locations have had site changes made. Yancey Fire Station has been moved to Wilson Elementary School, per request of the Fire Chief. Churchville voters, who were voting both at the Elementary School and the Fire Station, will now be combined together at the Elementary School due to their voter population change.
 - B. Budget.
Approving FT position.
Connie requested the Electoral Board approve a FT Deputy Registrar II position be added to her staff. She stated that based on VA Code 24.2-112, the Electoral

Board sets the number of staff members for the Voter Registrar's Office. Connie feels this increase in staff will increase continuity and efficiency in office operations. After a brief discussion, Georgia moved to approve one full-time Deputy Registrar be added in the Voter Registration office due to the complexities of voter registration, absentee voting, and election administration. Dave seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

13010-Registrar Budget Request and Additional Costs for Redistricting. Dave and Connie have been working on a Proposed FY 2022-23 Registrar Budget Request. Discussion ensued regarding all aspects of the funds needed in order to run the office efficiently and to fully comply with VA Election Law. Connie will present the final budget request to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration and approval during their budget meeting. She stated that one or more Electoral Board members were welcome to attend the meeting with her. Capacity space will be limited due to the room size and Covid precautions.

- VI. Other Business.
Public Comments. No public present.

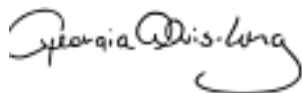
Board Member Comments.

Discussion ensued on when the proper time was to reorganize the Electoral Board for the new year. In years past, the Board would reorganize during their March meeting due to one of its member's terms expiring on February 28th. In the 2021 General Assembly, VA Code 24.2-106 changed the term expiration date to December 31 but did not clarify as to whether the reorganization date changed. Georgia stated that she had reached out to Mr. Cronin, at ELECT, and asked for his guidance on this matter. His response, by email, was that there isn't anything in the Code that describes when you have to reorganize and that it could continue to be done at the March meeting or at any other meeting that the Board decides. No firm determination was made at this time.

Marcy stated that the "note" at the bottom of our agenda's meetings where it explains that comments from the public *may be limited to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Chair* be increased to 5 minutes at the discretion of the Chair. The Board unanimously agreed.

- VII. Adjournment.
The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:04pm. The next Board meeting is to be held on February 4th, at 9am. Location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,



Georgia Alvis-Long, Secretary

