

Augusta County Electoral Board
Minutes of Canvass Meeting
Board of Supervisors Conference Room
Augusta County Government Center

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

I. Called the meeting to order at 10:06am. Present were: Chair; Vic Ludlum; Vice Chair; Brenda vonSeldeneck, Secretary; Marcy Reedy, Director of Elections Connie Evans, and Deputy Registrar Robin Moyer.

II. A motion was made by Brenda vonSeldenak and seconded by Marcy Reedy to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

III. Reports of Electoral Board Officers - no additional reports

IV. Registrar's Office

A. A new hire will be starting full time in the Registrar's Office on April 16.

B. Security Plan for the county needs to be updated and provided to the Secretary for signature.

C. Connie requested that all names of Officers of Election for the June 18 primary be provided by May 3rd to allow for the timely mailing of letters.

D. Percentage of ballots - The Registrar needs to begin preparing for the printing of ballots for the upcoming primary. In the past for a single party congressional party turnout for the county has been in the single percentage. It was agreed to print ballots for 30% of registered voters in the county with the ability to print another 10-15% depending on early vote turnout.

A motion was made and approved to move to the new business of the agenda as it included more pressing items

V. New Business

A motion was made by Marcy Reedy and seconded by Brenda vonSeldenak to appoint the following new officers of election:

Brittney Miller Forgrave
Dana Floyd Wade
Brenda Matthews
Frances (Tim) Timothy Childress
Deborah Jo Brinkley
Erika Kancler
Tammy Tyson
Roscoe Harris
Patrick Hennigan
Melissa Brydge
Rachel Miller
Terrance Williams
Seth Andre

- B. Incident at Rolla - The Sheriff's office is aware of the case and has assigned a deputy to the case. The Electoral Board will send a letter to the disruptive party per March 5 incident reports from the Chiefs at Rolla and Fort Defiance stating that loitering will not be permitted at precincts and she should only be at the precinct to vote and then will be asked to leave. Additionally, it will say that she will not be reappointed as an officer of election. A motion was made by Vic Ludlum and seconded by Brenda vonSeldeneck to set up a meeting with the Sheriff's office and County Attorney to finalize a letter. Additionally, a motion was made by Vic Ludlum and seconded by Brenda vonSeldeneck to raise the issue of general election security with the Sheriff's Office. Both motions passed unanimously.
- B. Precinct spreadsheet - The spreadsheet indicated a number of areas to emphasize for training including completing the ballot record worksheet, fully signing the oath and including poll pad zero and final results tapes in envelope 2 with the statement of results.
- B. Incident Reports - The incident reports were reviewed precinct by precincts to ensure any issues reported were addressed. It was determined that a meeting needed to be set up with American of Virginia to discuss the delivery of equipment and how it can be improved for June and November. It was also determined that there is a need for a designated officer of election to process provisional votes due to the increased demand associated with same day voter registration. Efforts will be made to set up a specialized training for provisional voting officers.
- B. Expense reports - It was discussed how VEBA training expense reports could be supported.
- B. VEBA Convention Ideas - It was discussed the potential of opening canvas the evening of election night to be able to access envelope 2 and determine if all paperwork is in order.
- B. Date of next public meeting is still TBD.
- VI. Comments by the public - no public was in attendance.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47pm.