

Augusta County Electoral Board Meeting  
Augusta County Government Center  
Registrar's Office Board Room  
October 3, 2016

The business meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM. Present were Ruth Talmage, chair; Cliff Garstang, vice chair; Tom Long, secretary; and Connie Messick, general registrar.

Note: At 9:00 AM the board met in the South Board Room for the purpose of L&A testing of voting equipment. No business was conducted.

Ruth moved to approve the minutes of the September 14 meeting. Cliff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jim Benkahla, county attorney, joined the meeting at 1:08 PM.

Connie reported that there has been no progress on a new door on the outer office. The board also discussed specific measures to enhance security throughout the office. Ruth and Connie will pursue this with county administration and maintenance.

All voting equipment has been tested except the spare PCUs which will be tested prior to election day. Connie ordered three backup batteries and two have been used. All touch screens performed adequately. Batteries have been ordered for ten touch screens in which the current batteries didn't meet specifications – they will be replaced before the election.

The office has been inundated with both registrations and absentee ballots. A number of registration requests have been received because of the "Voter Registration Project" and other voter drives have led some voters to believe their registration had expired.

Ruth moved to approve the list of new officers dated 10/3/2016. The board discussed the oath & response returns from new officers. Officers can sign the oath at training or anytime prior to election day, but board members will encourage signing as soon as possible.

The board updated the county attorney concerning ongoing legal issues: compliance with the DOJ Consent Decree, procurement procedures for contractors/movers, the purchase of new voting equipment, and the possible move of Churchville Fire and Cedar Green. We also discussed security at polling places and other issues with the November election. The board briefly discussed the filing of the citizen complaint concerning neutrality on courthouse referendum with the Attorney General. The Electoral Board is not taking a position on the issue.

The county attorney left the meeting at 1:55 PM.

Connie updated the board on the DMV voter registration procedures and on the citizen's portal on the

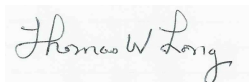
ELECT website.

Tom reported seven Riverheads High School students will be helping with the equipment return. He will contact them about a week before the election.

The next meeting of the board will be October 18, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas W Long". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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Tom Long, secretary