

## **CULPEPER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING**

January 15, 2020

Attending: Tracy Neely (Newly appointed member filling unexpired term of Jan Huss-Democrat), James Holmes, Vice-Chairmen, and James Clements, Registrar. Mr. Clive Richmond, Secretary was absent due to an emergency.

Meeting was called to order at 3:32 P.M. by Vice Chairman Holmes who indicated that he would record the minutes.

The agenda presented by Mr. Clements was approved

### **New Business**

#### **a. Board Appointments**

Pursuant to **Section 24.2-106, Code of Virginia** Ms. Tracy Neely was nominated to fill the unexpired term of former Chair, Jan Huss a Democratic representative. Ms. Neely has taken the oath and was given election handbook and related materials.

James Holmes, whose term expires at midnight on the last day of February 2020 has been appointed for another term beginning March 1, 2020. He is to take his oath before Jan Corbin, Clerk of Court Friday January 17, 2020. The re-organization of the Board shall take place subsequent to that time and prior to the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Democratic Presidential Primary and then officially after the statutory end of his term.

#### **b. Budget**

Mr. Clements has submitted the Registrar/Electoral Budgets which will be heard at the County Board of Supervisor's meeting in February.

#### **c. Election Officers:**

Mr. Clements discussed a memorandum from Matthew J. Abell, Senior Elections Administrator to Democratic and Republican Party of Virginia Chairs regarding Section

**24.2-115** of the **Code of Virginia** relating to the appointment of qualified individuals as officers of election. Notation was made emphasizing that January 22, 2020 was the deadline for receiving of list from the party chairmen. (See attached memo) Mr. Clements has indicated that “we (the Electoral Board) can not assign Election Officers to a party nor allow Election Officers to self-select party (affiliation) anymore”.

Officer Training has been scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. and February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

d. REC

Mr. Clements indicated that officials of Rappahannock Electric Company had concerns regarding the continued usage of its facilities as the Pearl Sample precinct. Acting Chair Holmes indicated that he will call Mr. Oliver Price of REC to ascertain what the issues are and attempt to resolve the Pearl Sample precinct issue.

e. March Presidential Primary

Mr. Clements has forwarded information concerning the advertisement of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Democratic Primary. (See attached official advertisement) The CAP L&A and Certification is scheduled to take place immediately at the close of this meeting. Set up and testing for the other voting units is scheduled for February 28 at 4:30 P.M. The Registrar has ordered 10,000 ballots (30% for anticipated turnout)

f. VEBA Acting Chair Holmes has indicated that he wished to go to Conference to be held at the Homestead March 20 thru 22

g. HB2178 Given the practices and integrity of this office compliance is not an issue. Fairfax County is not participating in this and Culpeper is not overly concerned with any local issues.

Mr. Clements will be out of the office February 12 thru 14

The Next Meeting is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

Meeting is adjourned at 4:32 P.M.

Submitted by James Holmes