

Meeting Minutes
Powhatan County Electoral Board
6/11/2020

Present:

Mrs. Karen Alexander, Director of Elections
Mr. Frank Flannagan, Chair of the Electoral Board
Mrs. Josephine Goodman, Vice Chair of the Electoral Board
Mrs. Andrea Weber, Secretary of the Electoral Board

The Powhatan County Electoral Board meeting was called to order at 10:59 AM.

Mr. Flannagan began the meeting by asking the Electoral Board to finalize their comments for Mrs. Alexander's yearly evaluation. This evaluation will be finalized on June 23rd.

Mrs. Alexander shared that ELECT training will be provided virtually on July 20th from 10:00 am – 3:00pm. The session on the 21st will be held solely for Electoral Board members from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Mrs. Alexander updated the Board on the L&A Testing. This testing is typically performed by an outside vendor under the supervision of the Board and Director of Elections. This year, due to Covid-19, the outside vendor will not be performing onsite testing. Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Swemba will be performing the testing on Monday June 15th. Mrs. Alexander has worked with county IT to obtain a video of the testing that will be accessible via the web. She shared that another camera is in the parking lot for ballot box security as well as curbside voter identification. She shared additional security measures that have been implemented.

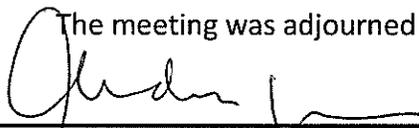
Mrs. Goodman asked how the absentee ballots are being counted. People who have voted in person have been run through the CAP machine. Absentee ballots coming in by mail will be run through the machine by the CAP officials on Election Day.

Mr. Flannagan asked Mrs. Alexander to provide an update on election officers. She shared that over half of the existing officials did not feel comfortable working the election. The minimum number of election officials is 3 per precinct and all precincts meet this minimum. Mrs. Alexander will train the Chiefs and the Chiefs will train the Officials. Powhatan lost two precincts: St. John Neumann and Blessed Sacrament. The Powhatan Office of the Elections will be using CARES act funds to obtain enclosed air conditioned tents in both precincts. Cages will be delivered morning of the election. Four volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corp will be assisting at the larger precincts with sanitizing. Mrs. Alexander shared we have 2 new election officials.

Mrs. Alexander provided an update on the HB 2178 Compliance and VDEM Grant. She applied for a large grant to help support the IT security requirements of ELECT as it is not in the County budget. Mrs. Alexander completed this unassisted from state elections board or ELECT. Should the County Elections Office receive these funds, it will greatly support the unfunded State mandate to increase our election security.

Mr. Flannagan moved to adjourn, Mrs. Weber seconded, all board members approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.



Andrea Weber
Secretary of the Powhatan County Electoral Board