

COUNTY OF BATH, VIRGINIA
ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING
BATH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD ROOM
65 COURTHOUSE HILL ROAD
WARM SPRINGS, VA 24484

Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 3:00pm
Electoral Board Regular Meeting

Eric Johnson, Chair; Liz Knapp, Vice Chair, Nancy Peery, Secretary

Donna Weaver, General Registrar

Call to Order: 3:00 pm

Minutes from January 12, 2022 were approved with Eric making the first motion and Nancy seconded it.

Old Business:

Appreciation Dinner - Dinner will take place on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. (arrive at 5:30) at the Country Cafe. Reserved for fifty-six people and Donna has only had seven to responded to say they will be attending.

Officer of Election Appointment Letters and status - Oath needs to be taken by March 1, 2022. Seventeen OE's have taken their oath and three out of five new officers have taken the oath as of this date. Donna is going to ask Sue Ailstock if she will help to open Healing Springs and stay a few hours and maybe Haley Woodzell will help and close. Janice Peery will be the new Chief at Healing Springs and two new officers will be serving in Healing Springs. Renee Cardwell maybe able to help with CAP. Donna will train the three new officers in her office they are Stephanie Yarbrough, Joyce Shaffer and Becky Hart. The new officers will also do the online training. Officers of election will be encouraged to assist in the early in-person voting process. It is proposed that training for the primary will only be given to the Chiefs and their assistants, and that the Chiefs will train the officers at the precincts.

New Business:

Redistricting for Bath County – A public meeting will be held at Bath County Court room on March 2, 2022 at 6:00. when redistricting is passed then it will be finalized in two to three weeks into March. Deadline is March 21st to have everything for Donna to put into the system. After the state approves the redistricting, the county is preparing new maps to be distributed. The Officers of Election will be informed at the precincts if voters show up at the incorrect place to vote.

VEBA meetings – The VEBA Annual Meeting will be held at the Homestead, March 18 -20, 2022. Eric, Nancy, Liz, and Donna are registered to attend. The second boot camp for new Electoral Board members will be held on Friday the 18th.

Referendum – The Board of Supervisors are considering to stagger the years of all board members, so that all do not go off at the same time. This will not take place until the November election if they decide to go forward with the referendum. It may go before a public hearing.

Primary Election, June 21, 2022 – Primary elections to be held for the 6th Congressional District. April 7th is the candidate filing deadline. There is a possibility for a Republican primary. A Democratic primary is unlikely.

General Registrar Report:

Early voting to start on May 6 for the June 21st Primary Election. Donna is still in the process of moving her office, they are having wiring problems. Janet Plecker has been hired to work part time to assist Donna in the office. Donna noted that Janet is doing great.

Eric made a motion to convene a closed session, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 subsection A 34 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to discuss and consider voter security matters made confidential under Virginia Code section 24.2 – 410.2 and 2.2-3711.1. Nancy seconded the motion.

Liz made a motion to return to public session. Eric seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken, pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 subsection D of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, that to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under FOIA and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion to convene the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.