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Minutes for 7/27/2021 Alleghany County Electoral Board Meeting

Attending: Kim Hunter Lewis, John Barnes, Tiney Rose and Andrew Dreszer

John Barnes opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. The minutes of the 6/9/2021 Provisional Ballot Meeting and Canvas following the June 8th Democratic Primary were approved. Motion by Kim Lewis for approval. John Barnes seconded. Unanimously approved.

John Barnes, Andy Dreszer and Tiney Rose welcomed Kim Hunter Lewis who replaces Anita Proffitt to the Alleghany County Electoral Board.

Reorganization

The Board members considered the reorganization of the Board and agreed to the following:

Chair – John Barnes
Vice-Chair – Kim Hunter Lewis
Secretary – Andrew Dreszer

Approval of new Election Officials

The Board approved the following potential new Election Officials:

Jackie Wade
Laura Kyle
Judith Persinger

Registrar and Director of Elections Tiney Rose was approved to re-confirm their interest and have them complete the necessary paperwork. Motion by Andy Dreszer. Seconded by Kim Lewis. Unanimously approved.

Purchase of new iPads (EPB's) & Contract

Quote and Terms by KnowInk for \$40,935.00 for the purchase of new Poll Pad Units and related equipment and software was reviewed and approved. Tiney Rose was asked to time the delivery of equipment soon after the November election to allow for an orderly transition from equipment currently in use in time for the June 2022 primary. Motion by Andy Dreszer. Seconded by Kim Lewis. Unanimously approved.

Precinct List – Updated

Tiney Rose presented the updated Precinct List with associated contacts for the buildings in which the polling places are housed. Head officials at each polling place are also listed.

Curbside Voting – Buzzers and Signage

John Barnes demonstrated the new bell/buzzer system tested for use by those desiring to use curbside voting. Tiney Rose reviewed related signage. The Board members unanimously approved Tiney Rose to move ahead with purchasing up to 15 bell/buzzer units and signage for use at the polling places and meeting curbside voting requirements.

Building Status

Tiney Rose informed the Board that the front doors in which the Registrar's office is located in Rosedale are now open where they had previously been locked during the Covid-19 pandemic. Under the lockdown one needed to be let into the building which in addition to the Registrar's Office also houses Social Services.

Online Election Official Training

Board members discussed the online Election Official Training offered on the Virginia Beach Voter Registration website. Tiney Rose reached out to Donna Patterson, Registrar & Director of Elections for Virginia Beach. The Virginia Beach Registrar made PowerPoint slides from the training modules available for our modification and use. John Barnes has volunteered to adapt the slides for our use. John and Tiney Rose will look at the various modules available and decide on which modules to adapt first. Tiney also advised that Donna Patterson suggested that we might also want to take a look at the training modules used by the county of Fairfax.

Timeline for Polling Place Relocation

A poor state of repair at the old Clifton Forge Armory has existed for at least two elections including the November 2020 election and the June 2021 democratic primary. Considering the repairs Electoral Board members John Barnes and Andy Dreszer considered options for a possible change/relocation of polling place. Other building options within the precinct were explored with consideration to accessibility required by the Virginians with Disabilities Act, the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. 20. The Clifton Forge Library and the former Armory building on the DSLCC campus were the few locations meeting these requirements. During today's meeting Kim Lewis offered two other possibilities to be considered as possible relocation sites – Central United Methodist Church and the Clifton Forge School of the Arts.

Given the time required to give proper public notice, hold a public hearing, allow for a 30-day public comment period, 30-day subsequent waiting period, and an additional 60-day prohibition period forbidding any change within 60-days of a general election, it was decided that a relocation ahead of November's general election was impractical.

John Barnes has previously reached out to the election officials staffing the Clifton Forge Armory polling location during the June 2021 Democratic primary. These election officials have agreed that a change in polling place is not needed at present given the timing and procedural requirements of making such change in polling place and given the expectation that the needed repairs to the bathrooms and entrance lighting at the Clifton Forge library would be completed by November.

The Board members agreed that come October should the repairs at the Clifton Forge Armory remain incomplete that Tiney Rose as Registrar and Director of Elections would approach the Town Manager of Clifton Forge to determine if a schedule for the repairs can be confirmed and if not ask for the Town Manager's support for a relocation of the Polling Place to a location still to be confirmed. In the meantime, the Electoral Board will move ahead with ranking the currently known alternatives as 1st choice, 2nd choice, and so on. The four possibilities under consideration being: The Clifton Forge Library, the Clifton Forge Firehouse, the Central United Methodist Church, and the Clifton Forge School of the Arts. Thought also to be given to whether the Clifton Forge Firehouse could house polling places for both Precincts 601 and 701.

The Board brings attention to the fact that the 60-day prohibition period only applies ahead of a general election if a future relocation of a polling place should be required.

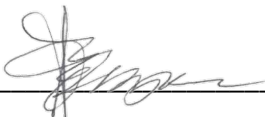
Equipment Room

Tiney Rose has been advised by Mike Hendrickson, Maintenance Manager for Alleghany County, that Social Services needs additional space. This could affect our equipment room. Andy Dreszer sent an email to Mike Hendrickson on July 22nd and spoke with him by phone. Mike indicated that he had not yet fully explored the options and that he would be back in touch with Andy Dreszer once he had a better understanding of what those options were.

Other items

The Board recognized and thanked Anita Proffitt for her time and contribution to the Board and her service to the voters of Alleghany County.

There being no further business the Alleghany County Electoral Board adjourned at 3:50 PM



Andrew E. Dreszer - Secretary