

Goochland County Electoral Board
Minutes May 19, 2020

The Goochland County Electoral Board convened at 6 pm in the Registrar's office. Present: Chair Keith Flanagan, Vice Chair Wanda Taylor, Secretary Robin Lind, and Director of Elections/General Registrar Ryan Mulligan.

On a motion by the vice chair, seconded by the chair, the minutes for the April 29 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

The director of elections reported that more than 200 Absentee ballots have been issued and about 30 returned thus far. Returned ballots are being quarantined for at least 48 hours before processing to reduce exposure to live virus.

The vice chair asked about verification that absentee ballots were cast and the director of elections explained confirmation process online. Discussion ensued about a letter to the editor drafted by the secretary, encouraging absentee ballots to reduce the exposure of officers of election to the COVID 19 virus; after minor additions, the draft was approved for joint signatures from the board. Discussion then turned to the number of anticipated absentee ballots and a threshold number was established for review at the next meeting.

Three new applications for Officer of Election were submitted and approved by the board. At the suggestion of the secretary, the board requested the director of elections to contact precinct chiefs and ask them to contact their officers to confirm their participation in the June 23rd Primary; they also agreed to offer voluntary furloughs for this election to all senior officers who feel vulnerable to the virus on account of age.

Discussion ensued on the relocation of handicapped parking spaces for the relocated polling places at Companies 4 and 5, and the possibility of securing one-way traffic flow at all precincts.

Training of Officers of Election has been rescheduled for June 9th and 11th at the Eagle Theater on Dogtown Road with a maximum of 10 persons per session. Chiefs and Assistants' Training is scheduled for June 16th. The board will meet next on June 1 at 6 pm.

Discussion ensued on the closing requirements and equipment removal at Companies 4 and 5; the director of elections will confer with Chief Fergusson and Deputy County Administrator Derek Stamey. The vice chair agreed to participate in a committee of precinct chiefs, led by Bob Gilliam of Blair, to streamline closing procedures and paperwork.

At 7:25 pm, on a motion by the secretary, seconded by the chair, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Lind, Secretary