

Goochland County Electoral Board
Minutes October 10, 2023

The Goochland County Electoral Board was called to order at 6:03pm. Present: Chair Pamela Johnson, Vice Chair Bob Walker, Secretary Wanda Taylor, Director of Elections/General Registrar Ryan Mulligan. Also present was Goochland resident Debbie Griffith.

Citizen Comments: there were none.

Approval of the minutes. The minutes of September 11th, meeting was approved as printed with no correction.

Report of the Director of Elections/General Registrar:

- The Director of Elections/General Registrar submitted the latest voter registration counts. There are 21,428 active voters in the county. The board reviewed the registration count by locality and the 845 inactive counts.
- The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that Centerville is now at 3911 registered voters. The board discussed the possibility of splitting the precinct at St. Mathews, the secretary agreed to contact St. Mathews Episcopal Church.
- Appointment of Officers of Elections was deferred to be handled after New business during close session.
- In-Person Absentee Voting currently at 12% with 2,240 residents that have voted. 146 votes were cast on Sunday voting within 4 hours with 168 voters cast on Friday within 8 hours. The board instructed the Director of Elections/General Registrar to order 5% more folded ballots to proactively be prepared. Pam will contact the county administrator to discuss postage expense.

- Other: N/A

Unfinished business:

- Train schedule:
 - Chief and Assistant Chief Training 10/24/2023 at 6pm. The requested detailed training will start at 5pm. All training will be in room 250.
 - Officer of Elections training will be on 10/25, & 10/26 at 10am, 2pm & 6pm in room 250
 - Electronic Poll Book training on 11/1 will be held at (10am, 2pm & 6pm. Training on 11/2 will be at 10am and 2pm. Training on 11/3 will be at 11am and 2pm.
- Additional L&A testing:
 - Going forward the board will assist the Director of Elections/General Registrar on a rotational basis per the Election cycle. The Chair will assist Ryan for the year. The Vice Chair will assist next year.
- Other:
 - ADA Surveillance Audit: due 10/16/2023. The board reviewed the required documentation and split the precincts up to perform the surveillance audit. Once complete the board member will turn the completed form in to the Director of Elections/General Registrar to file the formal paperwork with Elect.

New Business:

- Financial Reporting: It was discussed that the Director of Elections/General Registrar does not have the bandwidth to track everyone who has a campaign.
- Write-Ins: Discussion ensued on the process to identify a candidate that is seeking office and the possibility of campaign

finance requirements. Several state codes were reviewed. The board instructed the Director of Elections/General Registrar to contact Elect to get guidance and clarification on the next steps.

The Director of Elections/General Registrar presented the Electoral Board with the list of Officer of Elections from both the Republican and Democratic parties to be reviewed. The Electoral Board reviewed, adjusted, and agreed on the officer list in closed session that submitted by both parties.

On a motion by Vice Chair seconded by the Secretary the board went into close session at 8:03pm pursuant to State Code Section §2.2(A)(34): Discussion or consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of voting security matters made confidential pursuant to §24.2-625.1 and 5.2-711 (A)(7): for employee.

At 8:05pm, a motion was made by the Secretary and seconded by the Vice Chair to return to public session and certify that only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered.

The Director of Elections/General Registrar presented the Electoral Board with one name for approval as Officer of Elections. The Vice Chair moved that the Board accept the name as presented by the Director of Elections/General Registrar subject to being found fit and approval by the Precinct Chief and the General Registrar. The Secretary seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Talked about the parking situations.
- Vice Chair: No report
- Secretary: No report

The meeting was adorned at 8:14pm

Respectfully Submitted

Wanda Taylor
Wanda Taylor, Secretary