

Goochland County Electoral Board
Minutes December 11, 2023

The Goochland County Electoral Board was called to order at 6.01pm. Present: Chair Pamela Johnson, Vice Chair Bob Walker, Secretary Wanda Taylor, Director of Elections /General Registrar Ryan Mulligan. Also present was Goochland residents Jennifer Strozier and Buddy Bishop.

Citizen Comments: There were none.

On a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by the Secretary, the minutes of October 10, 2023, and November 8th – 14th, 2023 meetings were approved as printed with correction.

The Chair stated that she wishes that something could be done for safety issues of tent placements. She requested everyone present to contact state legislators.

Report of the Director of Elections/General Registrar:

1. Registration Counts

- a. The Chief Deputy Registrar submitted the latest voter registration counts. There are 21, 705 active voters in the county. The board reviewed the registration count by locality. The Director of Elections/General Registrar also stated the attention to precinct 402-Centerville, which continues to grow. He further clarified that there are two different codes in effect.
 - i. If the total votes at a precinct equal 4000, two voting machines are required. The Director of

Elections/General Registrar will request funds for a new voting machine.

- ii. If the voter counts casted on a voting machine equal or exceed 4000, the Director of Elections/General Registrar must split the precinct. He stated that he has contacted the BOS for the need of an additional precinct at 402-centerville.
 - Avery Point is scheduled to have a total 2400 residents and may have the possibility to become a precinct for the Avery Point residents. The Director of Elections/General Registrar will meet with Avery Point contact.
 - St. Matthews has agreed to providing two separate locations to be used for voting. Both the Secretary and Chair has spoken to the contact. The Director of Elections/General Register will reach out to the contact.

2. Appointment of Officers

- a. The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that he will process the list from the Party. He further stated that he expected the list mid-January and appointments will occur at the February 2024 meeting.
- b. The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that he will use the current Officers Of Elections list for the March and June Primary.
- c. He will use the January 2024 list for the November elections.

The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that voting will begin January 19, 2024.

Unfinish business: there were none.

New Business:

- Hot Wash will be Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6pm in the Break Room. Ryan will facilitate.
- Budget discussion: We will have three elections next year which includes two primaries.
 - The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that he plans for increase overtime and parttime services.
 - He is also investigating the possible use of Text my Gov, an AI tool to be used to answer citizens FAQ with pre-determined answers.
- Early Voting for Primaries in 2024
 - The Director of Elections/General registrar stated that early voting will be handled in the Registrar office.
- 2024 Calendar
 - The Chair will work with the Director of Elections/General Registrar to create the 2024 calendar with training days.

Officer reports:

- There were no reports, all officers stated that they will be attending the VEBA boot camp training and the VEBA Annual meeting in Hot Springs, VA.

There being no further business, on a motion by the Chair and seconded by the Vice Chair the board voted unanimously to adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wanda Taylor
Wanda Taylor, Secretary