

Goochland County Electoral Board
Minutes October 15, 2024

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 Goochland residents Jennifer Strozier, Valerie Morris and Ali Kelly.

Citizen Comments:

- Jennier Strozier thanked the Director of Elections/General Registrar and the Electoral board for a safe and easy voting process.
- Valerie Morris no commend
- Ali Kelly no comment

The Board approved the minutes of September 10th meeting as printed.

The Vice Chair made a motion to move the Appointment of Officers of Elections and Personal training issues to be the last item on the agenda due to it being a closed session. The motion was seconded by the Secretary. The motion carried.

Report of the Director of Elections/General Registrar:

1. *Registration Counts:* The Director of Elections/General Registrar submitted the latest voter registration counts. There are 22,936 active voters and 798 inactive voters in the county. The board reviewed the registration count by locality and identified the increasing need to split Precinct 402 Centerville and 502 Blair. The Director of Elections/General Registrar asked the board to investigate possible location for new precincts (i.e. 404 Centerville and 503 Blair).
2. *Appointment of Officers of Elections:* will occur in closed session.
3. *Other:* the Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that-
 - a. he is experiencing issues with returned mailed Absentee ballot where the label is not working due to the ink fading and the wet weather.
 - b. he will continue to work through any issues with the voters.
 - c. early voting has been consistently moderate with a high of 400 voters voting on Monday 14th.

Unfinished Business:

1. *Ballot supply sufficient:* The Director of Elections/General Registrar reported that he was ok.
2. *Policy re: Felons attempting to register, and Experience qualification for Precinct Chairman, Vice Chairman:* The board reviewed the policy, and the Chairman will reword section IV B (3) and resubmit for review at the next meeting.

New Business:

1. *Vote to cancel November Regular Meeting:* A motion was made by the Secretary and seconded by the Vice Chair to cancel November's meeting, and the motion carried.
2. *Hotwash:* A motion was made by the Secretary and seconded by the Vice Chair to have the annual hotwash on December 12th, 2024, at 6pm in the administration break room.
3. *Special Election Update:*
4. *RLA (Risk Limiting Audit):* The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that Goochland will participate in the statewide RLA – Ballot Poll Method for the Senate race. We will have to wait for the random selection by the SBE-State Board of Election to decide on the RLA – Ballot comparison method for a congressional race

Officer reports:

- Chair – commented on the ability for the Poll Watcher to see the election process, hear the name being called this does not include reading the information on the Electronic Poll books.
 - Vice Chair – stated that he attended the North Central district meeting, and we are lucky to have Ryan. He mentioned how well Ryan shared information and his knowledge to all who were in attendance.
 - Secretary: commented on her attendance to various district meeting for VEBA and Younkin's order to remove citizens from the voter list. As of October 15th, SBE has stopped deleting names.
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- On a motion by the Secretary seconded by the Vice Chair the board went into close session at 7:30pm pursuant to State Code Section §2.2-3711(A)(1) for

discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidate for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of a public body. Discussion on consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of personnel matters made confidential pursuant to §24.2-625.1.

- The Board returned to Public Session at 7:40pm, a motion was made by the Vice Chair and seconded by the Secretary to 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.
- On a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by the Secretary the board approved Officers of Elections 1 - 6 upon review of the party chair and deemed fit to perform the election duties.

There being no further business, on a motion by the Secretary and seconded by the Chair the board voted unanimously to adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wanda Taylor

Wanda Taylor, Secretary

Dates to Remember:

October 22 and 24, at 10am,2pm & 6pm – Election Officer Training

October 23, Legislative Meeting, Central High Complex Theatre, 9am-11am

October 29, 6pm - Chief Training

October 31 at 10am,2pm & 6pm Election Poll Book Training

November 2, Last day of In-Person Absentee voting

November 3 EPB Installation 10am

November 5, Election Day

November 6, Canvass 9am

November 8, noon, Mail in Deadline

November 12, Final Canvass