

December 14, 2018

The Tazewell County Electoral Board met in the General Registrar's office Friday, December 14, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tom Brewster at 10:33am. Present for the meeting was Director of Elections, Brian Earls, Deputy Registrar, Alicia Kitts, Secretary, Sherman Cain and Vice Chair, Cathy McClanahan. No members of the public were present.

The brief agenda prepared in advance of the meeting was reviewed. Cathy McClanahan moved to approve the minutes from the prior meeting; seconded by Sherman Cain; motion unanimously carried.

The Board discussed goals for the coming year. The Board and staff agreed a carryover of a goal identified for 2017 of relocating the Registrar's Office continues to be an important priority in 2019. Director Earls advised the county administrator has agreed to a December 19 inspection of possible sites and the EB is welcome to attend. The Electoral Board is pleased the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator are continuing discussing and considering relocation.

The 'I Voted' stickers, very popular with voters, were in short supply this past election cycle and will need to be ordered for 2019. Chair Brewster suggested a custom art design by the middle school students might be a good way to get good PR and excite future voters.

Board members were apprised of the March 2019 Virginia Electoral Board Association conference in Hot Springs, Virginia.

Director Earls addressed an issue of a need for enhanced voter privacy on Election Day. Director Earls suggested a folder to conceal the ballot would eliminate the possibility for someone to get a surreptitious glance at ballot while the voter is approaching the tabulator. Director Earls advised such folders are already part of the available supply inventory on hand in the office. The Board concurred and the plan will be implemented going forward.

The Board reviewed recently received election official applications for four individuals. Following a brief discussion Sherman Cain made the motion to accept the applicants; seconded by Cathy McClanahan; motion unanimously carried. Approved were the following: Sandra French, Peggy Carr, Karen Kelley and Gary Gunter.

In old business the Paint Lick precinct parking and access issues were discussed. District Supervisor, Tom Lester has indicated the matter is under study for possible improvements. There has been no word as to progress at this time.

There being no further business to discuss Sherman Cain made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Cathy McClanahan; motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted:

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Secretary