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The Tazewell County Electoral Board met in the General Registrar's office, 2848 Riverside Drive, North Tazewell, Virginia on Thursday, June 4, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Cathy McClanahan at 2:03pm. Present for the meeting was Director of Elections, Brian Earls, Assistant Director, Alicia Kitts, Vice Chair, Irma Mitchell and Sherman Cain, Secretary.

No members from the public were present for the meeting. An agenda of business items was presented to the board at the meetings commencement.

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2020 board meeting was made by Irma Mitchell and seconded by Cathy McClanahan. The motion unanimously carried.

Director Earls addressed the board on budget matters of current importance. Electronic poll book and DS200 upgrades are imminent but there is no idea of projected costs at this time. The board was also confidently informed that despite the current economic situation facing the county the promised salary increase for the deputy director is forthcoming July 1.

The office has eight security cameras on hand but they are yet installed. According to Director Earls only four of the cameras are scheduled to be set up in the public area. The board strongly urged the interior equipment storage area also be surveilled using the remaining four cameras.

The board learned the annual training put on by ELECT would not be a live event this year. Instead it will be online sometime in July due to the current health situation.

Director Earls updated the board on preparations for the upcoming elections. He advised supplies of gloves, masks; sanitizer and other commodities are arriving daily in advance of the June 23 primary as well as the November election. In addition, volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corps will assist during the June 23 Election day at select precincts. Additionally, the sheriff's department will supply 9 pair of two way radios for use in the larger precincts to assist election officials with communications necessary during anticipated heavy use of curbside voting in November.

Election official training ahead of the June primary is set for an evening session June 15 and three sessions June 16. The board agrees to Election Day precinct visits as before and a 7pm meeting that evening to receive the ballot materials followed by a 2pm meeting on the 24th to canvas the votes.

The Board reviewed and discussed election applications recently received. Following the review Sherman Cain made the motion to approve the entire list. The motion was seconded by Irma Mitchell and unanimously carried. Approved were the following: Kimberly Wolfe, Camille Waldron, Albert MacNaughton, Chloe Estoll, Hunter Harold, Rodney Shortridge, Chloe Allen, SaraGrace Barton, Christopher Mitchell, Fame Black, Khristoff Lindemann, Jennifer Childress and Zachary Hash.

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Director Earls is planning to conduct an election official orientation on July 21 and August 4 for folks considering service as officials. Recruitment of new officials is continuing in anticipation of a critical need for November.

Director Earls give the board the candidate updates for November. In addition to the presidential vote there are five town elections. In legislative matters votes by mail will be accepted if received by noon on Friday and postmarked by Election Day. Photo IDs will not be required but some proof will be. There are several questions to be resolved prior to Election Day. At this time no excuse early voting is at 45 days.

The motion to adjourn by Sherman Cain was seconded by Irma Mitchell and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Secretary