

March 21, 2019

The Tazewell County Electoral Board met in the General Registrar's office Thursday, March 21, 2019. The March meeting is required pursuant to Virginia Election Laws section §24.2-107 for the purpose of electing a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. Other business items properly before the Board were included on the agenda.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tom Brewster at 3pm. Present was Vice Chair, Cathy McClanahan, Secretary, Sherman Cain, Director of Elections, Brian Earls and Deputy Registrar, Alicia Kitts.

The motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was offered by Cathy McClanahan, seconded by Sherman Cain; the motion unanimously carried.

Sherman Cain made the motion to elect Cathy McClanahan to serve as Board Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Tom Brewster, the motion carried. Accordingly, Tom Brewster will serve as Vice Chair with Sherman Cain continuing as Secretary.

Director Brian Earls provided an update on the possible relocation of the GR office from the courthouse to an office location on Riverside Drive. Plans and negotiations are continuing between the County Administrator and the property owners but nothing has been finalized.

Deputy Registrar, Alicia Kitts updated the Board on resolving issues with the office website. Alicia informed the Board she can make the necessary updates and corrections and the Board concurred her suggestion is the best solution.

Director Earls updated the Board on legislative changes so far this season. The effort to move June primaries from the second to the third Tuesday failed.

The final determination on being able to transfer data from the media sticks to a hard drive is still being awaited, the approval of which would allow re-use of the media sticks while still complying with ballot retention provisions.

Director Earls spoke of a tentative plan to provide a boot camp session for newly appointed election officials or for potential EOs. The purpose would provide an earlier opportunity to inform those folks on the duties and responsibilities of an EO. The training session is a more critical time, just prior to the actual election, for a prospect official to decide the job is not for them. The Board concurred with the suggestion.

One new EO application was reviewed and briefly discussed by the Board. Tom Brewster made the motion to approve Debra Hatfield; seconded by Sherman Cain. Motion carried.

The issue of a possible June 11, 2019 primary and preliminary plans was discussed. The deadline date for the final determination of the primary is March 28. The Board concurred to table the discussion on plans until the next Board meeting shortly after that date if a primary is to be held.

The November 5, 2019 General and Special Election was addressed by Director Earls. Cedar Bluff and Tazewell will have specials to fill town council vacancies. Director Earls also mentioned the possibility of satellite voting offices. A discussion ensued but the Board took no action at this time.

Under old business the Board discussed the VFW Paint Lick precinct ingress/egress and parking deficiencies. Director Earls will confer with ELECT concerning the possibility of moving this precinct since the county cannot afford the needed excavation work. Cathy McClanahan will make contact with officials at a possible alternate location. Other sites will be sought out for consideration as well.

There being no further business Sherman Cain made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Tom Brewster, the motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm

Respectfully submitted:

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Secretary