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The Tazewell County Electoral Board met in the General Registrar's office, 2848 Riverside Drive, North Tazewell, Virginia on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Cathy McClanahan at 2 pm. Present for the meeting was Director of Elections, Brian Earls, Deputy Registrar, Alicia Kitts, Secretary, Sherman Cain and Vice Chair, Irma Mitchell. 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 September 17, 2020 Board meeting was made and seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board was updated on the recently completed upgrades at the Jewell Ridge Community Center precinct. No work was done on the main entrance doors at this time; however, it will be a future consideration. Thanks to Western district Supervisor, Travis Hackworth and the county maintenance staff for making the repairs.

The Cedar Bluff precinct issues remain a concern for the Board with a follow-up visit by the Board to the site planned a week prior to Election Day.

The Board discussed the equipment storage room floor drain, intrusion alarm and security camera issue. Director Earls gave assurance the security concerns were being worked out. Also discussed was the very apparent cramped work space in the equipment room, most recently endured during L&A testing. The small space situation can be alleviated somewhat by removal of surplus office furniture currently stored there and further, a rather large item left behind by the building's former occupant needs to be disposed of.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board reviewed and briefly discussed thirty three additional election applications. Following the discussion a motion was made to accept the entire list whereby the motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Approved were the following: Jacqueline Boulden, Melissa Green, Rob Oglesby, Virginia Schrader, Thomas Walker, Jessica Sykes, Judy Koen, Trevor Reynolds, Veronica Reynolds, Kristina McCormick, Kayla Rutherford, Carol Blankenship, Patricia Meadows, Karen Hale, Jennifer Everett, Tina Remines, Angela Hicks, Wanda Wilcox, Tresia Barnett, Peggy Schoneweis, Jason Moore, Rebecca Bowman, Kimberly Andrews, Penney Altizer, Brenda Kretzer, Pamela Rose –Bales, Casey Donley, Alexandria Christia, Kristy Stump, Lucinda Irvin, Bonnie Fry, Melissa Sullivan, Wanda Stacy, and Ty Smith.

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Director Earls advised the Board early voting is running smoothly and he expects the numbers to increase daily as Election Day approaches. The Director also stated training of election officials has been set as follows: October 5, October 6, October 8, October 13 and October 15 commencing at 6pm each of the days.

OTHER BUSINESS: A proposal of preprocessing of mail in votes was presented to the Board by the director whereby discussions ensued. The objective of preprocessing is expediting the volume of work expected of officials at the Central Absentee Precinct on Election Day. After careful consideration and conclusion of discussions a motion was made to do a test run on October 22 at 10am; the motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The Board agreed to meet again on October 19, 2020 at 1:30pm. There being no further business a motion to adjourn was seconded and unanimously carried. The meeting concluded at 3:55pm. Respectfully submitted:

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Secretary