

March 6, 2017

The Tazewell County Electoral Board met in the General Registrar's office Monday, March 6, 2017. The meeting was originally set at the February meeting to be held March 9, 2017 but was moved ahead in advance of the county budget meeting. 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 also included on the agenda.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Beth Grindstaff at 2pm. Present was Secretary, Sherman Cain, and Director of Elections, Brian Earls. Chair, Emma Hagy was out of town.

The motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was offered by Beth Grindstaff, and seconded by Sherman Cain. The motion unanimously carried.

Sherman Cain made the motion to elect Emma Hagy to serve as Board Chairman for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Beth Grindstaff and carried unanimously. Accordingly, Beth Grindstaff will serve as Vice Chair with Sherman Cain continuing as Secretary.

Brian Earls updated the Board on the status of election official reappointment. Brian Earls declared 113 officials have responded with only ten having declined appointment so far. There are still several who have not yet responded which will require a follow up.

The Board reviewed three new election official applications and following a brief discussion Sherman Cain made the motion to approve all three, seconded by Beth Grindstaff. The motion unanimously carried. Approved were:

Monica Davis
Jennifer Stacy
Kimberly Goings

The Board discussed the county budget committee's request to meet with the Electoral Board regarding the purchase of new voting equipment. Brian Earls has prepared a presentation and is prepared to answer questions the committee will have. Beth Grindstaff and Sherman Cain will attend that meeting as well.

The Board discussed the need for some precinct inspections, The Amonate location has some deficiencies and the Mayor of the Town of Pocahontas has indicated they would like us to move from the current location to the town hall building. The Board decided to wait until the full Board could meet in early April to do the inspections.

Brian Earls updated the Board on the Town of Tazewell's upcoming 911 addressing issues. House numbers and street names will change for a lot of voters which will require the registrar staff to mail notices and enter voter system information changes.

Discussions ensued on the purchase of new voting equipment. The Board has made due diligence in witnessing the demonstrations of the various types of equipment currently certified. Sherman Cain made the motion to approve ES&S as the approved vendor for Tazewell County model DS200. The motion was seconded by Beth Grindstaff and was carried unanimously.

There being no further items to discuss Sherman Cain made the motion to adjourn; Beth Grindstaff seconded, motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:27pm

Respectfully submitted:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Secretary