

Northumberland County, Virginia  
Electoral Board  
Meeting Minutes

Date: February 7, 2017	Chair: Marion Cockrell	Present
Start: 9:45 AM	Vice Chair: Marge Rankin	Present
Adjourned: 12:15 AM	Sect: Joe Schlatter	Present

Meeting called to order at 9:45 AM by Vice-Chair Marge Rankin.

**Agenda:**

- Board organization
- Approve minutes
- Complete FY 2018 draft budget
- Status of move Precinct 3A polling place
- Comments on proposed legislation
- Appoint Officers of Election
- Other business

**Board organization**

Motion made to elect following slate of officers:

- Chair: Marion Cockrell
- Vice-Chair: Marge Rankin
- Secretary: Joe Schlatter

Second; unanimous approval

**Approve minutes**

The Board reviewed and approved minutes from the November 9, 2016, canvass and provisional canvass as well as minutes from the December 2016 meeting. Minutes were signed by Rankin and Schlatter. Ray Dabney, who was Board Chair, at the time was not available; Secretary will contact Ray, ask him to come to GR office to sign minutes.

**Complete FY 2018 draft budget**

FY 2018 draft budget submission due to County Administrator, February 23.

Board approved following additions to the budget line item 1301-7002, Capital Outlay:

- o Two new laptop computers, with accessories, for use as electronic pollbook backup: \$1,000
- o One new voting booth for use at Precinct 5: \$240
- o Orange safety cones with various directional signs: \$800
- o Cushion for shipping and unanticipated capital expenses: \$460
- o Total for Capital Outlay: \$2,500

Board decided not to purchase an additional VerityScan voting machine; three spares on-hand, machines are only one year old.

Board determined there are sufficient funds in FY2017 budget, line item 1301-7002, Capital Outlay, to purchase one roll-around security cart for experimental use. GR will order cart.

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**Status of move Precinct 3A polling place**

County Administrator Luttrell Tadlock advised the Board:

- Board of Supervisors must pass ordinance establishing new polling place
- New ordinance requires Supervisors to give two weeks public notice
- Supervisors meet, 5:00 PM, Thursday, February 9, at which time they will authorize Luttrell to issue public notices
- Supervisors will consider ordinance at their March 9 meeting

Electoral Board members will attend Board of Supervisors meeting, February 9, as they are available to answer any questions from Supervisors.

The Board expressed some concern over the lighted sign in use at the Light of Christ Anglican Church that displays a slogan with possible political overtones. Board Secretary will meet with Church officials and ask that they change the sign on election day to remove their slogan and replace it with a "vote here" notice for election day.

**Comments on proposed legislation**

House Bill 1598 now before the Virginia General Assembly will require prospective voters to submit either birth certificate or passport prior to being registered. Because federal voter registration law does not contain such requirements, General Registrars will be required to maintain separate voter registration rolls for federal-only and all other voters.

The Board voted unanimously to submit a resolution to the Virginia Senate Privileges and Elections Committee expressing Board's opposition to HB 1598. Board Secretary will prepare and submit resolution, using resolution submitted by the Augusta County Electoral Board as a sample.

**Appoint Officers of Election**

The Board reviewed the roster of Officers of Election to determine if all OE should be re-appointed for two-year terms. The Board agreed to re-appoint all except eight OE. The eight not being re-appointed were dropped from the OE rolls for various reasons, including previous non-participation, deficient performance, or at the individual's request.

**Other business**

The Board needs to review agreements with all organizations that house polling places. Secretary will take this for action.

The Board noted that in October 1867, Virginia extended the right to vote to African-American males; October 2017 will mark the 150th anniversary of this action. The Board Secretary will contact the chairs of Northumberland County Republican and Democratic Parties as well as Chair, County NAACP, to determine if they have plans for issuing resolution(s) recognizing this event.

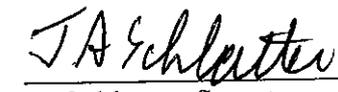
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Next meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 9:30 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

  
Marion Cockrell, Chmn

  
Marge Rankin, Vice Chmn

  
Joe Schlatter, Secretary