Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
13 April 2022

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, 13 April 2022 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. Members present were Inetha Holmes (Chairman), Caleb Kitchen (Vice Chairman), Geoffrey McFather (Secretary), and Lisa Betterton (Director of Elections (DE)/General Registrar (GR)). Guest in attendance was Chairman of the IOW County Democratic Committee (IOWCDC), Joe Puglisi.

The minutes of the 02 March 2022 Electoral Board Meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made, seconded and unanimously approved. Once signed by all three Electoral Board Members, the minutes were delivered to the DE for filing.

Secretary's Report.

1. The Secretary reported that the General Assembly reconvened Monday, April 4th in Richmond, but shortly thereafter adjourned due disagreement regarding some of the more minute details regarding each bill resulting in agreement that further discussions were needed prior to vote. Accordingly, the bills of foremost concern to our Electoral Board, specifically SB3 (Reporting Absentee Results by Precinct), SB 80 (Election Officials Prohibited from Accepting Gifts), and SB 370 (Standardize the Risk Limiting Audit Process) remain in Conference.
2. Guest Joe Puglisi inquired as to the status of the proposal requiring previously-elected House of Delegate members impacted by the recent redistricting be required to run for re-election. The Vice Chairman reported that the matter is the result of a case brought by a citizen in Northern Virginia calling for the House of Delegates to run for re-election this year for a 1-year term. The case has since been argued before the Appellate Court. However, the Appellate Court has not yet rendered their decision.

General Registrar's Report.

1. Redistricting update – DE and staff have completed updating all changes in VERIS. The State Board is reviewing and we anticipate final approval very soon.
2. The separate ballot for each precinct requirement does not take effect until the November 2022 election. Therefore, the usual/same ballot style will be used across all precincts for the upcoming June 2022 Primary Election. Guest Joe Puglisi reported that there will not be a Democrat Primary Challenger for the 2nd Congressional District this year as the potential Challenger (Neil Smith) has withdrawn.
3. Staff Member, Viki Mainwaring (Deputy Registrar and Candidate Coordinator) has resigned from the IOW County Registrar's Office to accept a position with the State. Additionally, Ellen Powell has resigned her position due to health concerns.

However, Susan Saunders (former Suffolk Virginia General Registrar) has been hired and will be filling both Viki and Ellen's roles until the DE/General Registrar is approved to hire a new staff member in July 2022. Additionally, Bobbi Donnelly will soon be departing from the Registrar's Office, but the DE/General Registrar has already identified a replacement (Nicole Smith) and Bobbi Donnelly is currently providing training to quickly get Nicole Smith up to speed. There has been no word yet from IOW Human Resources regarding approval of the requested position up-grade of the unfilled position to Chief Deputy.

4. DE has coordinated with Print*elect* to receive ballots for the June Primary. Everything is currently on-track with Print*elect* for the upcoming Primary regarding USBs, machine preparations and testing, etc. All hardware (including the 3 DS200's) have been delivered and set-up is underway today. Still awaiting new cages and the Poll Pads, but delivery is reportedly imminent. DE has established an Apple Business Manager Account to facilitate set-up of machines. Contract coordination has been initiated with VaughnTech to provide technical support as in prior years.
5. DE will be meeting with new polling location Precinct Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs on April 15th to walk through each location to view, discuss and coordinate how the precinct will be set-up for upcoming elections.
6. In addition to mailing all voters new Voter Registration Cards clearly defining their newly-assigned Precinct/Polling Location, the DE will be coordinating with the IOW IT Department to create large signs to be posted at each of the "former" precinct locations directing voters that unknowingly show up to vote at their "former" precinct location to drive to their "new/current" precinct location.

New Business.

1. DE will obtain the signature of each polling location owner/representative on a contract establishing the Agreement between IOW County and the polling location owner/representative to permit the facility to be used on Election Day as a Voting Precinct. The County Attorney has already affixed his signature. The DE and Secretary will sign the Agreements after each polling location owner/representative affix their signature. The general consensus of the Electoral Board is to establish a 4-year term (i.e., through June 30, 2026) for the Agreement. The finalized Agreements will be retained by the DE.

Old Business.

1. IOW County General Services Division has been engaged and they are actively working a plan to make a generator available to service the Registrar Building during the upcoming Primary and each subsequent election.

Good of the Order.

1. The Vice Chairman requested that the Electoral Board authorize him to liaise with IOW County community organizations (i.e., citizen associations, homeowner associations, NAACP, IOW Republican Party of Virginia, IOW County Democratic Committee, Ruritans) to offer a concise, in-person presentation (community outreach) describing the recent redistricting effort. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to authorize the Vice Chairman to proceed as proposed.
2. Discussion ensued regarding liaising with the Board of Supervisors to solicit a Proclamation honoring Billy Bell for his years of service to the IOW County Electoral Board. The Vice Chairman volunteered to take the coordination lead by reaching out to the Assistant County Administrator.
3. The Vice Chairman proposed that we consider adding Voter Information to the IOW County Facebook Page regarding matters such as Voter Registration deadlines, Candidate Filing deadlines, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM

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Inetha Holmes, Chairman

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Caleb Kitchen, Vice-Chairman

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Geoffrey McFather, Secretary