Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
17 July 2024

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, 17 July 2024 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. Members present were Inetha Holmes (Chairman), Rod Hallum (Vice Chairman), Geoffrey McFather (Secretary), and Lisa Betterton (Director of Elections (DE)/General Registrar (GR)).

The minutes of the 05 June 2024 Electoral Board Meeting were discussed. Motion was made and seconded to unanimously approve the Minutes as written. The minutes were then delivered to the DE for filing.

Secretary's Report.

1. The Secretary reported that no pressing matters require discussion this month, indicating the several topics that require discussion are itemized on the Agenda under the General Registrar's Report for this month.

General Registrar's Report.

1. The GR proposed moving the Canvass Time for the November 2024 General Election starting at 9 a.m. on the Wednesday following the General Election Day to instead start at 2 p.m. in order to free the Registrar Staff to handle the significant number of morning-following-the-election activities that must be completed by the staff. Discussion ensued. The Electoral Board decided to discuss again next month.
2. The GR reported that only 2 candidates have qualified for the Windsor Town Council election. However, there are 3 open positions on the Windsor Town Council. Therefore, the Electoral Board should anticipate a significant number of write-in votes for the 3rd open position on the Council.
3. The GR proposed moving the date for the Officers of Election Annual Appreciation Dinner from September to perhaps April. There are a number of individuals that are still on vacation over the Labor Day Weekend when we have traditionally hosted the Annual Appreciation Dinner. Discussion ensued and the general consensus was to move the Annual Appreciation Dinner to April 2025. No final decision was made.
4. The GR reported that IOW County School Board member, John Collick, has notified the GR that he intends to submit his resignation from the School Board. John Collick's current term expires in November 2025. Accordingly, it is realistic to anticipate the School Board will appoint an individual to serve out the remainder of John Collick's current term and a regular election will be held during the November 2025 General Election to fill the open School Board seat.

Motion was made, seconded and a unanimous vote rendered to accept the General Registrar's Report as delivered.

New Business.

1. The Electoral Board discussed the pros and cons of moving the Beaver Dam Precinct (502) Polling Location from the Carrsville VFW Auxiliary Post #4411 to the Carrsville Community Center. The move has been proposed due to a number of reasons that collectively make the location less-than-optimal to serve as a polling location. The Secretary reported he took an action to research the requirements to affect the change, coordinate with the County Attorney and the Board of Supervisors, and the Office of the Attorney General. The matter is now on the Agenda for the August 1st Board of Supervisors Meeting. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, the County Attorney will write a Resolution for the Board to sign. The
2. The Vice Chairman, Rod Hallum, proposed that the Electoral Board undertake an effort to advertise upcoming Election Day across Isle of Wight County. His proposal centered around the strategic placement of large Election-style signs at key intersections, entrances into high traffic areas, etc. Discussion ensued. Rod Hallum took an action to further research his proposal and bring sample signs and approximate costs before the Electoral Board during the scheduled August Board Meeting.

Old Business.

1. None this month.

Closed Session.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved for the Electoral Board to move into Closed Session for the express purpose of discussing the General Registrar's Annual Performance Review as authorized by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1).

A motion was subsequently made to exit the Closed Session 35-minutes following its initiation. Each of the three members of the Electoral Board herein attest by their signature at the close of these minutes that the topics discussed during the Closed Session were limited exclusively to the General Registrar's Annual Performance Review expressed herein.

Good of the Order.

1. None this month.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned by motion and second at 3:39 PM

Inetha Holmes, Chairman Rod Hallum, Vice-Chairman Geoff McFather – Secretary