Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
07 August 2024

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, 07 August 2024 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:03 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 17 July 2024 Electoral Board Meeting were not discussed because the Minutes had not been finalized and delivered by the Secretary prior to the start of the August Electoral Board Meeting. The Secretary offered his apologies and indicated that the July 2024 Meeting Minutes will be available for Board review, approval, signature and submission to the DE for filing at the start of the scheduled September 4th Electoral Board Meeting.

Secretary's Report.

1. The Secretary provided an update on the Certificate of No Objection from the Office of the Attorney General authorizing the relocation of the Beaver Dam Voting Precinct location from the Carrsville VFW Auxiliary Post #4411 to the Carrsville Community Center. The Secretary reported that he has advised the Board of Supervisors, the County Attorney, the General Registrar and the Office of the Attorney General that IOW County has a hard completion deadline of September 1, 2024 in order to comply with the Virginia Code. The Secretary has liaised with contacts he has within the Attorney General's Office to solicit their assistance in expediting the requested Carrsville Polling Location Change request. Once the Attorney General's Certificate of No Objection has been received, the GR will then be required to enter a Ticket into the Virginia State Board of Elections JIRA system, arrange for local newspaper advertising/announcement of the Polling Location change, notify the Campaign Manager for each affected campaign, and prep and deliver via U.S. Mail individual letters to each registered voter in the Carrsville Precinct.

General Registrar's Report.

1. The GR discussed for clarification purposes the specific boxes (i.e., Box 3 – Used Ballots and Box 6 – Unused Ballots) and Precinct envelopes that must be delivered to the IOW County Circuit Court Clerk's Office by 12 Noon the day following the General Election. Accordingly, the designated Democrat and Republican representatives from each Precinct will be responsible for transporting the Boxes back to the Registrar's Office immediately following the closing of the polls on Election Day evening.

2. The GR advised the Electoral Board of her discussions with other area GRs regarding their use of Security Stickers indicating Security Stickers are being applied to the to seal the DS200 Ballot Counting Machines and not the Precinct Envelopes used by the Precinct Chief.
3. The GR reported that she has arranged for signs to be placed at several precincts (especially at the Carrsville VFW Auxiliary Post #4411 and the road leading to the Carrsville Community Center) so that voters that may have not noted the Polling Location change via the newspaper or individual mailing will be directed to the Carrsville Community Center Polling Location. Additional signs need to be placed pointing to the Firetower Precinct. Action for placing the signs on Monday late afternoon will be undertaken by the Vice Chairman and the Secretary.
4. The GR asked if the Electoral Board will allow the Staff to open the Same-Day Registration Outer Envelopes prior to the Electoral Board arriving at 2:00 p.m. the day following the General Election. The Electoral Board members unanimously agreed that opening the Same-Day Registrations will be restricted to the Electoral Board (and not the Registrar Staff) and that the Electoral Board will report to the Registrar's Office at 9:00 a.m. as in the past instead of delaying the Board's arrival until 2:00 p.m.
5. The GR requested that the Chairman again speak with the IOW County Sheriff about placing his Deputies on notice to be repeatedly make themselves visible at the 17 IOW County Polling Locations and be prepared to promptly respond to any disturbances at any given Precinct.
6. The GR requested the assistance of the Electoral Board to coordinate with the Director of the IOW County Public Works department to install a Security Walk Door and Plexiglass barrier across the Registrar's Front Counter to provide additional physical security and separation. The Secretary indicated he will take an action to liaise with the Public Works Director and negotiate a plan to affect the requested physical security updates.
7. The GR discussed the recently-announced Risk-Limiting Audit (RLA) (tentatively scheduled for Thursday (11/21) and Friday (11/22)). Discussion ensued as the Board Members and GR discussed how to best coordinate our efforts in performing the RLA.

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

New Business.

1. The Electoral Board was asked by the GR to review and sign the Voting System Security Plan Review Certification form.

Old Business.

1. None this month.

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1. None this month.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned by motion and second at 3:36 PM

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