

Amelia County Electoral Board
Minutes – December 8, 2022

ATTENDEES: Mary Alice Williams, Chair Brenda Johnson, Secretary
Mamie Barley, Vice Chair Deborah Hathorn, Director of Elections
Lauren Whittington, ACDC Chair Martha Muniz, ACRC Chair
Adria Dieffenbach, ACRC Representative

The Electoral Board of Amelia County met on Thursday, December 8th in the Commonwealth Attorney's conference room. The meeting was called to order by Chair Williams at 10:09 A.M.

Minutes of the November 9th and 14th meeting were approved as presented. The agenda was approved by consensus.

BUDGET - No budget issues to report; however, we need an update on the budget to see where we stand mid-year. The county has a new Director of Finance and a new person handles Accounting/Payroll.

REVIEW OF 2022 GENERAL ELECTION:

- We had 1502 early voters.
- Turnout was higher than expected, about 50-60%
- At the last minute, the Board made the decision to use the paper poll books and not the new electronic poll books due to some concerns over functionality.
- Long lines existed at some precincts due to the additional work that is required.
- Staff must scan voter ID from the paper poll book into VERIS within 30 days after the election to give the voter voting credit.
- No issues at the new Precinct #4 location at Parks and Rec building.
- May need to consider using part time OOE's or the like to help with lunch breaks.
- Will consider having an OOE Boot Camp to provide additional training, particularly with the new electronic poll books.

Electoral Board member, Mamie Barley (D) term expires December 31, 2022. Due to having a Republican Governor, she will be replaced by someone from the Republican Party. Officers of Election for 2023-2025 will be updated as well as the list of OOE's.

2023 ELECTIONS:

- Meeting and work space is a priority for 2023. During election season, it is more of an issue.
- General Election in November will include the county's Constitutional officers, Clerk of the Court, three School Board members, three Board of Supervisors and two Soil and Water Conservation representatives.
- District #10 will have a State Senate and District #72 State Delegate election.
- In June, we may have a primary for the House or Senate seat.

Hathorn informed us that the county will be changing the website provider again, going back to the old system provider as the new system is not working out.

Waiting for the County Attorney to give us feedback on the newly drafted Electronic Participation policy. Hathorn will follow up and report back at the next meeting.

Senate
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

- Muniz stated that District 10 will have a convention for the *Senate* House seat. She stated this will be a challenging year due to the local elections and constitutional officers.
- Whittington expressed her concerns over the long lines at Precinct # 1 and # 2.
- She asked about the difference in the number of OOE's working at the certain precincts versus the number of voters.
- She also thanked Mamie for her service on the Board as her term will end on December 31, 2022.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12th at 10:-00 A.M.

The Electoral Board of Amelia County went into Executive Session at 11:12 A.M to discuss a personnel matter. We returned from Executive Session at 11:47 A.M.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda H. Johnson
Brenda H. Johnson, Secretary

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