

Amelia County Electoral Board
Minutes – February 1, 2022

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

The Electoral Board of Amelia County met on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 in the Registrar's office. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams at 10:04 A.M. Minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting was approved as presented. The written agenda was approved by consensus.

Hathorn informed us that there will be a FY 2023 budget meeting on February 4th. She does not expect any changes to be made from what she has already submitted.

With regards to the change in the relocation of Precinct # 4 (Courthouse); the county attorney has written the ordinance for the Board of Supervisors to approve the relocation to the War Memorial Building (Parks & Rec building). In addition to the relocation of the voting precinct, the ordinance will include the changes made to Districts 4 and 5 as a result of the county's redistricting plan. There may also be some changes in the congressional districts. Amelia is currently in District 61 served by Delegate Tommy Wright.

We reviewed the list of Officers of Elections (OOE) for each precinct. We also received a list from the party chairs with seven additional names that were approved. Concern was expressed as to why some names were not on the list. Hathorn responded that calls and emails have been sent to several OOE's who have chosen not to respond. The Board request Hathorn to send letters to those OOE's asking them to indicate that he/she is still willing to serve or is no longer interested in serving. The letter will state that failure to respond will be interpreted as a NO LONGER INTERESTED response. Party chairs stated they may have additional names to add at a later date. Party chairs will be sent a list of all OOE's receiving the above reference letter. We will be planning for a Democratic Congressional primary June 21, 2022.

Chair Williams is registered to attend the Virginia Electoral Board Association conference in March; however, rooms at the Homestead are full. She will try to find a hotel in close proximity.


The Board voted unanimously to re-elected Mary Alice Williams as Chair, Mamie Barley as Vice-Chair and Brenda Johnson as Secretary. Hathorn provided a legislative update on the bills being tracked by the VRAV legislative committee. Each Board member received a letter from Governor Northam thanking us for our service.

During the public comment period, Lauren Whittington reported that the bill seeking to change early voting from 45 days to 14 days has been defeated. She once again shared her concerns about the status of the county's website. Hathorn informed her that we are fully aware of the problems and the compliance issues associated with it. We will continue to monitor the county's progress on fixing the problems. Chair Williams will also follow up with the County Administrator.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 10:-00 A.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda H. Johnson, Secretary