

Minutes where Aug. 30, 2023
minutes approved by board

February 1, 2024

The Smyth County Electoral Board met on February 1, 2024, in the Copenhagen Meeting Room at the Marion Public Library, Marion, VA.

The purpose of the meeting was the annual reorganization of the Smyth County Electoral Board. The board will also view the 2024 Election Poll Worker List. Also on the agenda for this date is a closed session meeting of the board. Minutes of the August 29, 2023, Special Election were presented for approval by the Electoral Board.

Present were Nancy Hollyfield, Jane Williston, Vickie Hale, and General Registrar Shannon Williams. The meeting was called to order at 10:18 am.

Minutes of the above-named election was read by Vickie Hale. Both the Provisional Ballot and the Canvass of the Special Election- 6th District House of Delegates were approved as read. Motion made by Nancy Hollyfield and seconded by Jane Williston. Motion carried.

Election Poll workers list was given to the members and discussion followed. Vickie Hale stated CAP Precinct was in place for the March 5, 2024, Dual Primary Presidential Election with Sandy Elswick serving as Chief. Becky Oakes and Gene Walker will serve as well. Training sessions will be set up for a day after February 19, 2024, and will be one day only. We will provide an afternoon and early evening session.

Motion to accept the 2024 List of Election Workers was made by Jane Williston and seconded by Nancy Hollyfield. Motion to adjourn open meeting was made by Vickie Hale and seconded by Nancy Hollyfield. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:25 am.

Shannon Williams left the meeting room. Vickie Hale went to the waiting area to have Mr. Williams return to retrieve his backpack, phone, cup, and notepad. The closed session began at 10:28 am on motion by Vickie Hale and seconded by Jane Williston. Reading of the necessary language for closed session was done.

Closed session was adjourned at 11:45 am on motion by Jane Williston and seconded by Nancy Hollyfield. Motion carried. Shannon Williams was summoned to return to the meeting room to resume the open meeting. Meeting reconvened at 11:50 am

Mr. Williams informed the board of the death of one of Smyth County School Board long term members. His seat and the seat of another board member will be on the November ballot. Sympathy from the Electoral Board Members for the loss of Jessie Choate. Long time employee, Cathy Goins, is planning on retiring at the end of 2024. Mr. Williams requests a letter from the board to Smyth County Administration for a person to be hired July 1, 2024, to become familiar with the system. He spoke of the Security Awareness Plan needing to be approved by May 2024.

He also informed us he would be responding to the EB from now on by Office Telephone and email. As none of these items were not on the agenda for today, no action will be taken at this time.