

## Accomack County Board of Election Meeting

Date 1/26/2021

Time 2PM

Location Registrar's Office

24387 Joynes Neck Rd

Accomack Va

Present Chair Roger Omwake Vicechair Debra Olsen New Member Alice Rogers Registrar Patricia White

Meeting called to order at 2Pm by Roger Omwake. He presented the following thank you to outgoing member Marcia Fields:

On behalf of the Board of Elections, the Registrar's Office and more importantly the voters of Accomack County I would like to thank Marcia Fields for her years of service. Her unique life experiences brought a new viewpoint to our decision making process. I would be totally remiss if I did not acknowledge and thank you for the election day morale boosting efforts you provided the officers of election. Again our thanks Marcia.

The board was then reorganized with Debra Olsen chair. Alice Rogers vice chair and Roger Omwake secretary. Slate was passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting continued with Debra Olsen chairing.

Motion to approve August 31, 2020 Minutes made by Alice Rogers seconded Roger Omwake. Approved unanimous voice vote. Motion to approve the November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 7, 2020 minutes with dates corrected made by Roger Omwake 2<sup>nd</sup> Alice Rogers. Approved unanimous voice vote.

Registrar's Update

Abstracts approved by Elect.

Mr Cooper brought staff and collected the November 2020 election records.

Money for return postage mandate for absentee ballots not in budget submitted. Will request when needed.

Primary will be June 8, 2021.

Chincoteague will need special election in November as well as possibly Parksley.

Ben Fox of Accomack County IT will be procuring new lap tops for poll books as provided in the 2020 budget.

Roger Omwake gave a brief outline of the history leading to the February Risk Limiting Audit to be conducted by Elect. Roger Omwake presented a tentative schedule of board duties for the first 2

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quarters of 2021. Chair Olsen made a motion to add additional monthly meetings. Seconded by Roger Omwake and passed by unanimous voice vote. Meeting dates will be posted on the county site.

Alice Rogers inquired about the budget. All members will be emailed a copy of the current and proposed budgets. Accomack County makes this information available to all citizens at the county website.

Alice Rogers questioned the registrar evaluation process and timing.

The following motion was introduced by the chair and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Omwake:

I move that the Accomack County Board of Elections convene in closed session pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the code of Virginia for the purpose of appointing election officials for the 2021 calendar year.

Approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Chair Debra Olsen made the following motion 2<sup>nd</sup> Alice Rogers

I move the Accomack Board of Elections exit the closed session. It was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

The chair then moved 2<sup>nd</sup> Alice Rogers

I move the Accomack County Board of Elections certify to the best of each member's knowledge. Only public business matter lawfully exempted from the open meetings requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the closed session were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session. All members voted in the affirmative by roll call vote.

Motion to approve for 2021 the slate of election officers made in executive session was made by Alice Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup> Debra Olsen. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to adjourn made at 3:29 by Alice Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger Omwake carried by unanimous voice vote

R.O.Omwake, Secretary