

Accomack County Board of Elections Monthly Meeting

March 23, 2021

Accomack County Registrar's Office

Present Board Members Mrs Rogers Ms Olsen Dr Omwake Registrar Mrs White No visitors

Meeting called to order by Chair Olsen at 2PM. After a name correction Motion to approve both the February 25, 2021 RLA meeting and the regular meeting was made by Mrs Rogers 2nd Ms Olsen carried by unanimous voice vote. The following motion was made by Chair Olsen: I move that the Accomack County Board of Elections convene in closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(19) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussing cybersecurity issues. 2nd Dr Omwake Rollcall vote Mrs Rogers Yes Ms Olsen Yes Dr Omwake Yes Chair Olsen moved that the Accomack County Board of Elections exit executive session. 2nd Dr Omwake Rollcall vote Mrs Rogers Yes Ms Olsen Yes Dr Omwake Yes Chair Olsen next moved: I move that the Accomack County Board of Elections certify that to the best of each members knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting 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. Roll call vote: Mrs Rogers Yes Ms Olsen Yes Dr Omwake Yes

Mrs White Registrar provided the following update: Inactive voters increased by approximately 500 this past month.. This classification was made by Elect not the local Registrar or Board. Purging of the rolls has not occurred. This again will be done by Elect not the local Registrar or Board. When the state run purge does occur both political parties are provided with a list of those purged. In December Mrs White mailed the 800 or so individuals who had requested absentee ballots for elections in 2020 if they wanted to remain on the list. She has 84 replies as of date. 53 individuals have requested absentee ballots for the June Democratic Primary. The Board concurred with Mrs White's reasoning to order 5500 ballots for the June Primary. Mrs White led a discussion on hiring our voting machine vendor to do the loading of the voting machines plus the logic and accuracy testing. It would cost the Board an additional \$1800-2000 per election. This subject is being continued for further discussion. The Registrar has received the Court Order for a special November election for Chincoteague Town Council. New law taking effect July 1 will move all town elections to the November elections. Mrs White has contacted Elect for legal issues involving the move for Hallwood, Keller and Belle Haven. Elect has responded that they are studying it. Osha has mandated additional railing for our walkway. Public works is handling the installation. There was a discussion and approval of new signage to inform the public of the vote by car option and denoting the 40 foot no campaign line at the Registrar's office.

Chair Olsen inquired where the office was on the 90 day leadup to the June elections. All preparations currently on schedule.

A motion to have a four hour voting period on October 17, 2021 was made by Mrs Rogers 2nd Ms Olsen After a short discussion the motion carried by a nonunanimous voice vote. Mrs Rogers then reintroduced the motion specifying the hours of 1-5PM on the 3rd Sunday of October 2021 for voting. 2nd Ms Olsen This motion also passed by a nonunanimous voice vote.

Mrs Rogers went over a list of concerns as a new member. She requested that all minutes/communications use Mr Mrs Ms or Dr when referring to any Board Member. Requested a link to the Secretary of the Commonwealth website be put on Registrars website to facilitate those looking to restore their voting rights. Requested updates on a number of elected officials terms of office. Requested update of election official list noting the March 1 posting date had been missed by the Secretary and the Registrar.

After 33 years of service to the voters of Accomack County Registrar Mrs Patricia White announced her retirement effective June 30, 2021. She provided the Board with the contact information for County HR to assist us in hiring a new Registrar/Director of Elections.

Chair Olsen noted next meeting would be April 27th 2PM

Motion to adjourn by Dr Omwake 2nd Ms Olsen carried by unanimous voice vote

Respectfully submitted

Dr Omwake