

Accomack County Board of Elections

April 26, 2022

Accomack County Registrar's Office

Board Members Present: Mrs. Rogers, Ms. Olsen, Dr. Omwake and General Registrar/Director of Elections Ms. Shrieves

Chair Olsen called the meeting to order at 1:57 PM. The Board immediately agreed to alter the order of the agenda allowing Ms. Shrieves to present her report first. This was done so Ms. Shrieves could resume her work entering redistricting information into Veris. Her report focused on all the issues and people she has had to deal with to accomplish the task of moving voters to their new precincts. She acknowledged the assistance of Chair Olsen in getting the town attorneys to provide us with their updated ordinances moving town elections to November. Before Ms. Shrieves returned to her office Ms. Olsen read to the board a letter, she had received from county attorney, Jan L. Proctor. Ms. Proctor detailed and commended Ms. Shrieves for her outstanding assistance throughout the redistricting process. Mrs. Rogers moved that the minutes for the March 22, 2022 meeting be approved as amended. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Olsen passed by unanimous voice vote. It was noted that 5000 ballots had been ordered of the June 21, 2022 Republican Primary. Staff of our vendor, ESO, will load and conduct the logic and accuracy testing on our voting machines on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>. The board discussed its continuing effort to update our emergency polling location list. Seven locations have been confirmed. The Board divided the list of other sites to contact. Dr Omwake was tasked with drafting a new agreement form for the sites. As alluded to in Ms. Shrieves report, the Board next revisited its Electronic Meeting Policy. After a discussion Dr. Omwake made the following motion: I move we retain our policy for electronic participation in Accomack County Board of Election meetings as authorized in the January 21, 2020 meeting with the proviso that the enabling code is now 2.2-3708.2 reflecting the update of the Code of Virginia. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Olsen passed by unanimous voice vote. The Board next discussed the compensation for Central Absentee Election Officials. Dr. Omwake introduced the motion: Pending budget review, The Accomack County Board of Elections raises Central Absentee Election Officers compensation to twelve (12) dollars an hour with the Chief receiving fourteen (14) dollars an hour and the Assistant Chief receiving thirteen (13) dollars an hour. Ms. Olsen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried by unanimous voice vote. It was noted that the Board would consider raises for regular election officers in the next budget cycle. Ms. Shrieves rejoined the meeting to inform us that Public Works would be able to deliver our election equipment on the Juneteenth Holiday. The overtime will be covered in their budget, not ours. In addition ,the poll book vendor will not be able to give us a demonstration until after the June primary. The Board started a preliminary discussion on how to handle registering the 700 16, 17, and 18 year olds that will be eligible to do so October 1, 2022. Planning will be coordinated with Ms. Karen Taylor at the Board of Education. Mr. Robert Toner who has registered 18 year olds in the past will be invited to join our efforts. It was decided to brainstorm possible strategy at our next meeting. It was determined our next meeting will be May 24, 2022 at 2PM. Ms Rogers made motion to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Omwake carried by unanimous voice vote. Chair Olsen adjourned meeting at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dr. Roger Omwake



