



Pittsylvania County Electoral Board
110 Old Chatham Elementary Lane
Chatham, Virginia 24531

BOARD MEMBERS

Raymond Ramsey, Chairman
Sandra Gilbert, Vice Chairman
Brenda S. Arthur, Secretary

The Electoral Board of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, met on September 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the office in Chatham, Virginia. All members of the Board and the Director of Elections, Ms. Kelly Bailess were present.

Mr. Ramsey presented the agenda for the meeting. Mrs. Arthur made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Arthur presented the minutes from the August 4, 2016, minutes for approval. Motion was made by Mrs. Gilbert to approve the minutes as presented. However, Mr. Ramsey suggested changes to the minutes to reflect the procedure necessary to go into and out of Executive Session. After the necessary changes were made, Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

A report was then presented to the Board by Mrs. Arthur concerning the VEBA meeting she attended in Bedford on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. The meeting was an open discussion format on the upcoming November election; writing tips for meeting minutes, conforming to online posting requirements and handling closed meetings. Clara Belle Wheeler, Vice-Chair of the State Board of Elections, talked about the importance of safety at the polling places for November. She suggested we contact the local police, State Police, Sheriff Department, the utility company and VDOT for possible assistance needed on Election Day. As far as police, etc., Mr. Ramsey said he feels that we need to stress to the Election Officials that if they have any problems or suspect there may be a problem, they need to call our office first, and then we will decide whether or not to get the police involved. Mrs. Bailess said that she has heard that there are going to be individuals picketing at some of the precincts against the Governor's handling of restoring voting rights to convicted felons. Mr. Ramsey said as long as they are peaceful, don't interrupt the voting process and stay 40 feet away from the entrance to the polling place, we cannot stop them.

Ms. Wheeler then brought up the subject of cell phones in the polling places. She said that it is against the LAW TO HAVE CAMERAS IN THE POLLING PLACE and that a BALLOT CANNOT BE REMOVED or a COPY MADE OF A BALLOT AT THE POLLING PLACE. Making a copy by phone is considered removing a ballot from the polling place and the person can be charged and/or arrested if necessary. She said that at the State Board meeting in June on Monday, the State Board met with Electoral Board members and General Registrars concerning the cell phones and a vote was taken and

100% of the Electoral Board members and General Registrars present voted NO CELL PHONES. However, the State Board decided that cell phones should be allowed. Ms. Wheeler said that she felt that the Electoral Board and General Registrar in each locality should make the decision whether or not to allow cell phones in precincts. After discussion, it was unanimously decided that cell phone use will be prohibited in all of Pittsylvania County precincts just as it has been in the past.

Mrs. Bailess then reported that she sent letters to the AP Government teachers at the high schools about students being Election Pages. She has heard from Tunstall High School, and Mr. Touart indicated that he has several students interested. She included information in the letter stating that Election Page training would be from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. on September 29, 2016. She has ordered more t-shirts for the Pages also.

There is a potential problem at Bachelor's Hall Precinct and Twin Springs. The Fire Department wants to have a stew on Election Day and the Librarian at Twin Springs said they are having a Book Fair at the school that week and she would like to have the library open on Election Day. After much discussion by the Board and Mrs. Bailess, it was decided that neither locality should have an event on Election Day. The reason the schools are closed is to allow voters access to parking, and at Bachelor's Hall, there is limited parking there anyway and also the question of security of the voting equipment since it is delivered a day or two BEFORE ELECTION DAY. Ms. Bailess is going to contact the State Board of Elections for an official ruling on this.

With regard to training, to date Ms. Bailess has not had anyone wanting to come to training on Saturday, October 8, so that has officially been cancelled. Also, she has been contacted by Kim Vanderhyde, from the County Treasurer's Office, and was told that they must have W9 forms on each Election Official. These forms will be put in a folder in the Chief's bags to be filled out on Election Day and returned to our office.

There were a number of Election Official interest forms to consider, and the Board made the following appointments:

#206	Markita Richardson
#207	Donnie Dalton
#702	Jennifer Miller
#405	Bonnie Hill and Carl Davis, Jr.
#308	Peter Berrios
#605	Oswald Hayes, Jr.
#605	Jillian Hayes
#501	Alfred Lester
#309	Felicia McGee
#103	Shaneake Dodson
#402	Dorothy Turner
#404	Carrie Hardy
#606	Geneva Jones
#301	D'Andrea Logan

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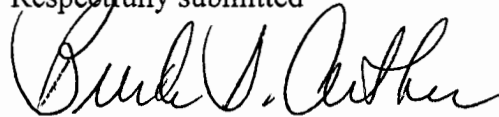
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Elie Fikner
Darlene Whitney
Jane Jones
Cynthia Tucker Blunt

The absentee ballots have arrived and they will begin sending them out on Friday as well as having Absentee voting starting here in the office on Friday, September 23, 2016. The Postmaster told Ms. Bailless that his office only gets one truck of mail per day and it arrives at 6:30 a.m. each morning so any ballots that come in on Election Day morning will be delivered.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda S. Arthur". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Brenda S. Arthur
Secretary

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