

January 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The Tazewell County Electoral Board met in the General Registrar's office, 2848 Riverside Drive, North Tazewell, Virginia on Monday, January 6, 2025. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Irma Mitchell at 1:00pm. Present for the meeting was Director of Elections, Brian Earls, Vice Chair, Richard Street and Secretary, Sherman Cain.

No members of the public were present to observe the meeting. An agenda of business items was presented to the board at the commencement of the meeting.

BOARD REORGANIZATION:

Pursuant to Virginia Election laws §24.2-106(b) and following a brief discussion, a motion was made for Irma Mitchell to continue to serve as Chair which was seconded and unanimously passed. A second motion was made for Richard Street to continue to serve as Vice Chair. That motion was seconded and also unanimously passed. Sherman Cain will continue to serve as Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes from the November election canvass meetings was made and seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PRECINCT RELOCATION PLAN:

MUNDY TOWN: Board members previously visited the Thomas building on Adria Road and found it more suitable for a variety of reasons than the present site at the former S&K Welding shop.

RICHLANDS: Director Earls informed the Board of recent leadership developments in the Town of Richlands. The Town Hall had been mentioned as possible precinct alternative to the Police Station site now being used but the Electoral Board has not viewed the Town Hall site as of this date. The Board agreed to not consider any recommendations to the Board of Supervisors at this time

AMONATE: The situation of low voter turnout numbers at this precinct, the health, safety and environmental comfort of our officials plus maintenance responsibility issues have been a concern for quite some time.

Director Earls presented detailed mapping information along with the numbers of affected voters on each of the roads impacted by any precinct closure. The travel times to alternate precincts at Bishop, Bandy and Mundy Town were very favorable should the closure go forward.

Following discussions a motion was made to present to the Board of Supervisors the following Electoral Board recommendations: move Mundy Town to the Adria Road site, and close the Amonate precinct. The motion seconded and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTION OFFICIALS: The Board reviewed and briefly discussed recently received applications for election official appointment. Following a brief discussion the decision was made to postpone a vote until the February meeting when all current EOs will be up for re-appointment.

BUDGET: Director Earls updated the Board on the FY24 budget to date. The Board is in strong agreement for a salary increase for our part time employee.

VIRGINIA ELECTORAL BOARD ASSOCIATION: The 2025 annual meeting and training is scheduled to be held this year in Hot Springs Virginia, March 23 through midday March 26.

OTHER BUSINESS: No other items were addressed by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No citizens appeared before the Board to speak

NEXT MEETING DATE: The Board agreed to meet at 1pm February 4, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business a motion to adjourn was seconded and unanimously carried. The meeting concluded at 1:53pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Secretary