

April 6, 2017

The Tazewell County Electoral Board met in the General Registrar's office Thursday, April 6, 2017. Business items properly before the Board were indicated on an agenda prior to the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Emma Hagy at 3:36pm. Present was Secretary, Sherman Cain, and Director of Elections, Brian Earls. Vice Chair, Beth Grindstaff was not available due to illness. Chair, Emma Hagy offered up prayer for Mrs. Grindstaff at the start of the meeting

The motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Emma Hagy and seconded by Sherman Cain. The motion unanimously carried.

A brief discussion ensued as the Board considered new Election Official applications that had been received. Sherman Cain made the motion to approve one individual, seconded by Emma Hagy. The motion unanimously carried. Approved was Hannah Jenkins.

A precinct inspection of Amonate, and a proposed relocation site for the Pocahontas precinct was conducted prior to the Board meeting by Emma Hagy, Sherman Cain and Brian Earls. County Supervisor, Maggie Asbury graciously agreed to travel with us for the inspections. We thanked her for her time at the conclusion of the trip.

The Board agreed the inspection of the Amonate precinct found the building was in better condition than anticipated. The only issue found was some ceiling tile had stains indicating a possible roof leak. Brian Earls agreed to request that county maintenance assess the source of the stains.

The inspection of the proposed move of the Pocahontas precinct, requested by officials with the Town of Pocahontas, was inconclusive. Renovation and demolition work on the building had not commenced so the proposed location for voting could not be visualized. The town officials apparently have not made any final decision so the Board did not take any action.

Discussion ensued concerning the schedule for the June primary activity. The Board agreed the start time for the canvass would be 2pm and central absentee would convene at 12pm.

Brian Earls informed the Board of the election official training dates and times as May 22 at 5:30pm and May 23 at 9am. Individual official staffing assignments continue to be in flux but due to the low volume turnout expected the Board agrees with the recommendation of 4 or 5 officials at larger precincts and 3 at the smaller locations.

Brian Earls informed the Board hotel rooms have been reserved for June 19, 20 and 21, 2017 for the annual training in Richmond.

The Board agreed the next meeting will be 5pm, prior to the election official training on May 22, 2017.

There being no further items to discuss Emma Hagy made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Sherman Cain and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm

Respectfully submitted:

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Secretary