

Electoral Board Meeting August 28, 2020

The Chesapeake Electoral Board met in the Office of the General Registrar on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. Those in attendance were:

Elizabeth "Beth" Banks, Chairman;
David "Dave" Midkiff, Secretary;
Duane McNair, Vice Chairman;

Mary Lynn A. Pinkerman, General Registrar;
Deborah "Debbie" Tureman, Asst.
Registrar II

Agenda:

- November 3, 2020 Election

Beth Banks called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mary Lynn informed the board that St. Mary's Catholic Church, the polling place for Precinct 45- Sunray II, would not be available for the November election due to COVID-19 restrictions. She suggested co-locating Sunray II with Sunray I at the Sunray Community Center an emergency polling place change. Signage and postcards will be required to inform voters. Duane moved to change the polling location for Sunray II for the November 2020 election from St. Mary's Catholic Church to the Sunray Community Center. Dave seconded and it was agreed on unanimously.

The board discussed the August 11 City Council meeting. Precinct 53-Fairways polling place change to Greenbrier Primary School was accepted, and using six libraries as satellite voting centers was approved. Early voting at the libraries will be from September 18 through October 31, Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm, as well as Saturday October 24 and 31 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Drop boxes are expected to be approved by the General Assembly to be acceptable for dropping off vote-by- mail ballots. There was discussion about having a drop box at each satellite early voting location for the drop off of vote-by-mail ballots.

Challenges in the office were discussed such as waiting for decisions from the General Assembly and ELECT about vote-by-mail envelopes and instructions while the September 18th deadline for the first day of mailing ballots is quickly approaching. The other problem discussed was the number of duplicate vote-by-mail applications, due to 3rd party mailings and people forgetting that they had previously applied.

Mary Lynn reported on extra part time staff for answering phones and entering applications. Library workers will begin to help with the entering of the vote-by-mail applications allowing Election Officials to focus on answering phones.

The board had a brief discussion about the Employee Notice dated August 25, 2020 and wants to be proactive about the Covid-19 crisis and employee safety in the work place.

Post office concerns were discussed. Mary Lynn reported that an inserter, envelope opener, and postage meter were purchased with CARES Act funding in order to speed up the vote-by-mail ballot packing process.

The motion was made to adjourn by Dave at 9:30 am, seconded by Duane and was agreed on unanimously.

David Midkiff, Secretary

Minutes submitted by Deborah Tureman, Assistant Registrar II