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Minutes of January 8th, 2019 Meeting

The Louisa County Electoral Board met on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019, in the Administration Room of the Louisa County Office Building. Present were Mr. Haymore, Mrs. Wolf, Mr. Koegle, and Mrs. Watkins.

Call to Order, Quorum Established

Mr. Haymore declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Open Session

Mr. Haymore made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 2019 Electoral Board minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wolf and affirmed by acclimation of all board members.

Registrar's Report

1. Review of Budget 2019 – Mrs. Watkins stated there was no response to date regarding the 2019 Budget.

2. Proposed Legislation

- **a. Voter ID** Governor Northam is proposing the abolishment of the Voter ID requirement. As of this date there are no requirements of the Electoral Board or General Registrar.
- **b.** No Excuse Absentee Voting Governor Northam is proposing expanding Absentee Voting in the Commonwealth of Virginia to No Excuse Absentee Voting. It is the belief of the General Registrar and Louisa County Electoral Board that additional space will be required to expand Absentee Voting, hence the Louisa County Electoral Board will notify the Louisa County Administrator and Asst. Administrator in preparation for possible changes to the voting laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the need for additional space for privacy No Excuse Absentee voting.
- **c.** Campaign Contributions Legislation to limit large individual campaign contributions
- **d.** Campaign Contributions Legislation to ban direct corporate and business campaign contributions



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e. Campaign Funds - Legislation to ban the personal use of campaign funds

The Louisa County Electoral Board and General Registrar are aware of possible legislation changes, but as of this meeting, no changes are required in the planning, preparation, or implementation of the election process. However, the Louisa County Administrator and Asst. Administrator will be kept informed in the event of the need for additional space for absentee voting.

- **f. County Boundary Issues** Sen. Peake's bill. SB 1102, will help resolve some of the boundary issues affecting voters on the county line or "edge cases". Mrs. Watkins reported that if this bill passes voters will vote according to the location they are required to pay their taxes rather than solely based on the census lines.
- **g. June Primary** Delegate John McGuire is proposing legislation that will move the date of the May elections the June primary out one week.
- **3.** Candidate Information Forum A Candidate Information Forum will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019. Tammy Alexander will support Cris Watkins in providing/reviewing Campaign Finance Coordination and Online Campaign Finance (COMET).

Chairman's Report - none

Secretary's Report

1. Ogg Building Update – The Ogg Building storage facility has had its doors upgraded to steel interior and exterior security grade doors. The hardware has been upgraded for RFID recognition.

Additional work has been requested to complete the storage facility to include the removal and replacement of the carpet [estimated to be completed prior to February 14th (Jeff Ferrel)] and the repair of a wall formerly used for accounts receivable.

A letter of appreciation for Mr. Jeff Ferrel activities in resolving the Ogg Building security upgrade was signed for delivery to Mr. Christian Goodwin, Louisa County Administrator. The letter was delivered following the Electoral Board meeting.



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It was recommended that an email be provided to Asst. Louisa County Administrator Jeff Ferrel and Louisa County Administrator Christian Goodwin to pass communication and keep the Administrators informed of future short term and long term needs of the Electoral Board and General Registrar, e.g. absentee voting.

The plan will be updated on an annual basis to meet the requirements of the Security Plan Guide.

Old Business

1. Security Plan – the Louisa County Security Plan was signed. Two hard copies were printed; one copy will be sent to Richard as required. The second will be kept in the General Registrar's office.

The plan will be updated on an annual basis to meet the requirements of the Security Plan Guide.

2. Pollbook Replacement/ID Scanners -

- a. Zion Crossroads, Mineral, and Patrick Henry #1 will expand to three pollbooks for future elections.
- b. The Electoral Board will reserve action following a DemTech Advocate Laptop/Tablet with scanner demonstration in March 2019.

New Business - None

Closed Session

The Electoral Board moved to Closed Session at 10:56 a.m. in accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 Para. (A)(1) to discuss and consider personnel matters pertaining to the election process; including the assignment and performance of specific appointees and employees.

The Electoral Board came out of Closed Session at 11:15 a.m.

The members of the Electoral Board were polled to certify that to the best of their knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under the



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Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and as identified in the motion for which the closed meeting was convened were discussed and considered by the board.

Mr. Curtis Haymore – Aye Mrs. Jeanne Wolf – Aye Mr. David Koegle – Aye

Review of Precinct Recommendations

1. The Electoral Board continued a review of Precinct Recommendations accumulated at the 10 Nov 2018 After Action (Hot Wash) meeting. A total of eighty-seven complements/recommendations were received at the hot wash.

Next Meeting -

Date and Time of February 2019 meeting: Tuesday, February 5th, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment – 11:32 a.m.