

## RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

Minutes of Meeting Held On September 7, 2016

A meeting of the Rappahannock County Board of Electors was held on September 7, 2016 commencing at 10:30 a.m.. In attendance were Board members Denise Chandler, Chairperson, Alma Viator, Vice Chairperson and Hurley Smith, Secretary, constituting a quorum for the transaction of business, and Kimberly McKiernan, Director of Elections.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on July 11, 2016 and continued in closed session on July 13, 2016 were presented to the meeting and were duly approved.

The meeting was then joined by Chief Deputy John D. Arstino, Jr. of the Rappahannock County Sheriff's Office. The meeting commenced to a discussion of various Virginia election laws providing for security at polling places and the possible need for a law enforcement presence at the polls during the November election. Chief Deputy Arstino indicated that revolving patrols by Sheriffs deputies at the various precincts would be provided.

The Director of Elections then provided a summary of the present status of the restoration of voting rights policy for certain Virginia felons and the possible workload impact.

A discussion ensued concerning the proposed new in-person absentee voting procedure. Under the proposal, in-person absentee voters would, upon completing their ballot, immediately insert it in an accu-vote vote tabulator dedicated to the Central Absentee Precinct to record their vote.

The Director of Elections then advised that the deadline for registration was October 17, and that the Registrar's office would be open on Saturday, October 29 and Saturday, November 5 (ending at 4:00 p.m.) for in-person absentee voting.

The meeting then turned to a discussion of Election Officials training scheduled for November 3 and assigned training topics to the Board members and the Director of Elections. There was then a discussion and agreement concerning precinct assignments for Election Officials.

Denise Chandler then presented to the meeting a proposed statement to be presented to the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors at their meeting later in the day. The statement discussed the required replacement of voting machines and the funds available for their purchase. A copy of the statement is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and duly adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

*Denise Chandler, Chairman*  
*Hurley Smith, Secretary*

Denise Chandler, Hampton District  
Chairman, Rappahannock County Electoral Board

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As we are now in the thick of the election season, I wanted to once again state for the Public Record, that the Virginia Legislature and the Department of Elections requires all localities in the Commonwealth to purchase and have in place NEW Voting Equipment by 2020.

At that time touch screen voting equipment will no longer be available to voters. Only paper ballots will be allowed. Unfortunately, our current optical scan paper ballot voting equipment which is already considered obsolete, due to age, must be replaced by ADA compliant paper ballot machines approved by the Commonwealth and Department of Elections.

As previously reported to you, The Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator, the cost for new voting equipment for Rappahannock County will be in excess of \$60,000.

However, fear not.

As promised in my last appearance before you the County's Treasurer recently received a reimbursement from the Commonwealth for the Rappahannock County Dual Primary Elections. We anticipated a reimbursement of \$11,000. Due to excellent record keeping by our Director of Elections, we received \$24,000 more than anticipated.

A total of \$35,058 was sent back to Rappahannock County.

Your Electoral Board urges the Board of Supervisors to see that this significant sum of money, \$35,058, which has gone back into the County's GENERAL FUND and not into the Director of Elections or Electoral Board's Budget, be set aside strictly for the purchase of the new voting equipment that is being directed by the Commonwealth.

Please know Rappahannock County must adhere to the Commonwealth's mandate to purchase new voting equipment, which will appear in our 2018 budget.

As such, the Electoral Board respectfully requests that the County is not caught short financially when we must have new voting equipment in place prior to the 2019 General Election.

Please set aside the \$35,058 you have just received from the Commonwealth of Virginia for that purpose.

Thank you.