

TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION BOARD MEETING
APRIL / MAY 2020
May 12, 2020

- A. Call to Order – Moment of Reflection:** Mrs. Howard called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m. Present were Marjorie Howard, Patricia Robinson, Pat Allport, Wycene Willis and Pamela Bulloch. Mrs. Southhall from the Peanut Gallery was also present. Mrs. Robinson said a beautiful prayer for our moment of reflection.
- B. Agenda Approval:** Mrs. Robinson made a motion to accept the agenda and Wycene Willis seconded. All voted to approve.
- C. Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2020 Meeting:** Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve these minutes and Pat Allport seconded. All voted to approve.
- D. County Elector Reports:**
Deceased
Moved out of County/State
Cancelled Voters/Felons – New Registered Voters
After these reports were presented, a motion was made by Wycene Willis and seconded by Pat Allport to accept these reports. All voted to approve.
- E. Updates:**
E-Mails / Firefly Buzz / Secretary of State
New procedures and forms: Early Voting and Election Day
Everyone has been keeping up with Firefly. Sharita explained about new procedures in opening the polls. Forms will be kept in Sharita's office to be completed when checking the drop box. These will be kept in a purple folder. We will be using four BMD's and two scanners for early voting. There are forms to be completed each morning when opening and each afternoon when closing. Signs will be put up at our office on Jefferson Avenue to let people know that early voting is being done at our Election Central on Jackson Avenue. Six feet distance markings will be marked and signs will be put up. Mrs. Howard explained the layout for early voting. If a voter did not vote in the 3/24/20 election, they will get a "combined ballot." Gloves will be furnished to the voters when voting. Voters cannot be forced to wear a mask.
- F. Site Updates:** Mrs. Howard reported that they only have three more precincts to do. She has 23 poll workers so this will give her enough to be able to open all precincts. There has to be a minimum of three poll workers at each precinct. Marjorie stated that the Talbotton Precinct is still in bad shape. Mr. Blackmar said that repairs should be completed by 6/9/20. Mrs. Howard will monitor this closely as to know how well they progress. If Talbotton Precinct does not look like it will be ready in time for election day, then voting will be done at Election Central on Jackson Avenue.

- G. Voting Update:** Absentee Ballot Request Forms have been mailed out to voters from the State, using their physical address. A second batch was mailed out using mailing addresses. If anyone calls asking why they received a second request, we will explain this to them and tell them to disregard the second form.

A Trail Camera will be installed for our Absentee Ballot Dropoff Box. This can be set up for the camera to pick up only when there is motion. We did not see the need to have a drop off box at the Election Central location. We will check the box first thing every morning and then mid-afternoon. We will also check more times as needed.

Mrs. Howard said that the cost for an additional scanner was around \$25,000.00. The cost of the laptop to go with it was \$2500.00. We plan to work with what we have. Early tabulation will allow us to begin opening the ballot envelopes on Monday, June 8th starting at 3:00 p.m., with a team of at least two people. We will batch these in stacks of 25 for easier counting. A vote review panel will observe this process and the tabulation on election day.

We are still in the process of getting the necessary Covid 19 supplies needed to keep everything as safe and sanitized as possible. If we find hand sanitizer and alcohol (at least 60% alcohol), Marjorie would like for us to purchase it and we can be reimbursed. We would like to have enough for upcoming elections, since we don't know how long Covid 19 might be around. Carolyn Parker, from New Salem Church, made and donated 21 masks for poll workers to use.

Marjorie is still working on the Vote Review Panel. The staff will have to learn to print any extra ballots if they are needed. Hopefully, we can use the ballots we already have. Marjorie will check with Brianna about this.

- H. Upcoming Events:** Poll Worker Training is scheduled for Thursday, 5/14/20 and Saturday, 5/16/20. The Precinct Manager's meeting is set for Tuesday, 5/19/20.
- I. Roundtable Discussion:** All agreed to be as safe as possible and to do the very best we can in the upcoming election. Mrs. Howard made a motion to move our June 9th board meeting to 6/16/20, since June 9th is election day. Wycene seconded and all approved. Mrs. Robinson made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Pam Bulloch seconded and all approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela O. Bulloch
Recording Secretary