

**TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2021**

- A. Call to Order/Moment of Reflection:** Mrs. Howard called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. Mrs. Robinson read a beautiful story, "The Shepherd's Care."
- B. Agenda Approval:** Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda. Wycene Willis seconded and all approved.
- C. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2021 Meeting:** Wycene Willis made a motion to approve these minutes. Mrs. Robinson seconded and all approved.
- D. County Elector Reports:** All reports were presented. Since there are so many counties holding elections, the Board decided that we would not transfer any voters until these elections are finished. Mrs. Robinson made a motion to accept the reports and Sharita Trice seconded and all approved.
- E. Site/Equipment:** A blank contract has been sent to Mrs. Howard from Dominion. The county will renew all equipment except for one BMD which needs a battery. We will either get a battery or send it back to Dominion. We will go with the new warranty. Our county will sign the contract and Dominion will sign and send it back. This will have to be done by 12/31/21 when the state's warranty expires.  
All our equipment has been moved from Jackson Avenue to our annex building on Geneva Highway. Mrs. Howard will make sure all the sheriff's signs, etc. are taken down.
- F. 2022 Special Election – March 15, 2022:** Mrs. Howard has received a resignation letter from Anton Turner who is resigning from the Talbot County Board of Education effective 10/06/21. Our office will conduct a special election in March to fill this vacancy. If anyone calls our office regarding the status of County Commissioner, Robert Lanier, we are to refer them to the county commissioner's office.
- G. Petitions:** Our office has received two e-mails that are a petition to recall Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger. These petitions have signatures that our office will screen to see if any of the signers are registered to vote in Talbot County.
- H. Training:** Tomorrow, 10/13/21 there is a webinar training on Election Day Reporting. There are reports that are to be sent to SOS by 10:00 p.m. on election night. These reports include how many have voted on the machines, provisional ballots issued, number of advance voters, and number of absentee ballots returned. We can call the poll managers at the different precincts to get their numbers if necessary and report them to SOS.  
Sharita will check with the library to see if we can hold our in-house training there on 10/26/21, provided the REIC (Reporting Election Issues Form) for our training is received. This training will be from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.
- I. Current News:** Mrs. Howard reported that our new liaison, Chuck Stone is no longer with the SOS. Leigh Combs will be our temporary liaison and we can contact her if needed.  
Postage stamps are now 58 cents for first class. Our postage will remain at 53 cents.

J. **Elections Security:** Investigator David Kelly, with our sheriff's department will be our contact person. All Board members were given Investigator Kelly's phone number. The Board voted to purchase disposable stylus pens instead of gloves for the 2022 elections. The cost for these is \$600.00 for 5,000 which is about twelve cents each. The company is Freestylus, LLC. Pamela Bulloch made a motion to purchase these stylus pens and Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Mrs. Howard will get a purchase order done.

Mrs. Howard reminded us to be very careful when opening any e-mails that might look suspicious.

K. **Roundtable discussion:** Mrs. Howard said the Zoom Training that she and Sharita did for The Links, Inc. Organization, went very well. She announced that Sharita has completed her GEOC Certification and can now certify elections. Our Board will invite Investigator Kelly to our November meeting. Mrs. Howard gave each of us a calendar for October, November, and December that shows the days she is planning to take off.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021. With no further business to discuss, Mrs. Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Trice seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Pamela O. Bulloch*

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