

TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. Present were Patricia Robinson, Marjorie Howard, Pat Allport, Wycene Willis, and Pamela Bulloch. We were very pleased to have in attendance, Talbot County Manager, Carol Ison, and Ronnie Hendricks. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Southhall from the Peanut Gallery.
- II. **Moment of Reflection:** Mrs. Robinson did our Moment of Reflection.
- III. **Agenda Approval:** Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve our Board Agenda. Wycene Willis seconded and all approved.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2019 Meeting:** Wycene Willis made a motion to approve the October minutes. Mrs. Robinson seconded and all approved.
- V. **County Elector Reports:**
 - a. Deceased
 - b. Moved out of County/State
 - c. Cancelled Voters/Felons
 - d. New Registered VotersAfter these reports were presented, Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve these reports. Wycene Willis seconded and all approved.
- VI. **S.O.S., Firefly, E-Net & Legislative Updates:** Mrs. Howard reported that some of the counties that had done elections on the new voting equipment had put some of the things they had encountered on Firefly. We can read these and keep up with this information. Marjorie discussed some of the news articles regarding felons. In the past, if you were a convicted felon, you could not vote until all legal obligations had been completed. We can go into Firefly and listen to the April Webinar that discussed HB 316, regarding the voting rights of accused felons. Mrs. Howard pointed out that voters are being removed if no activity in eight years. SOS has sent out notices. One hundred fifty eight voters were identified as inactive in Talbot County. Twenty of the notices were returned in the mail today. We are all to be on top of television and newspaper information pertaining to elections.
Record Retention: We are to save an electronic copy of all letters, etc. that are done on the computer. Carol Ison asked how our office charges when responding to open records requests electronically. Mrs. Howard said we bill the individual or organization for the time involved in doing this.
- VII. **Election Security:** Ronnie Hendricks gave us an update on the building that is being renovated. He said everything is going very well. The gas line has been done. Public Service is running cable. Mrs. Howard explained to our guests that our old building would not meet security requirements and we are getting a renovated building. Precinct inspections will be done sometime soon. Marjorie said she received a call from the company that will be doing the inspections. The main focus is "Security." All precincts will be inspected by the Secretary of State's Office. Ronnie will go with

us on the inspections so that he is aware of things that may need to be done. We are still waiting to hear from SOS about the new procedures and forms. Mrs. Howard told the Board to be very diligent with opening any e-mails. Do not open anything that is not recognizable or suspicious.

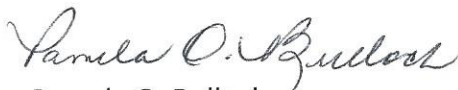
VIII. Voting Equipment Update: Inventory has been done and we are waiting for the old equipment to be picked up. Mrs. Howard stated she is very proud of the way we have been doing the demos. Some ways to introduce the new voting equipment to the public are by flyers, announcing it in churches and word of mouth. There is an Open House this Saturday, 11/16/19 at our office to let the public view our new voting equipment. Marjorie has requested that our new equipment be delivered as late as possible to allow time for our building to be completed. Mrs. Howard has been talking to different companies in order to get the best prices for our supplies, such as toner cartridges, special paper, etc. Mrs. Ison asked how many machines would we get. We will get twenty seven printers, twenty seven voting machines, and electronic poll books. Ronnie asked if we need shelves to store some of this equipment. Mrs. Howard will check with other counties to see how their shelving is done.

IX. 2020 Elections: Several names were mentioned of people that were interested in being a poll worker. We are not sure at this point how many workers will be needed at each precinct.

X. Roundtable discussion: Mrs. Robinson reminded us to be very careful when registering, so as not to get duplicate voters. Mrs. Bulloch thanked our visitors for coming and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Pat Allport said it was good to see new faces at our meeting. Carol Ison said that she appreciated what we do. Mrs. Howard let Ronnie Hendricks know how very much he is appreciated and for all his work on getting things done. Mrs. Southhall said she felt that most places she has visited, the people were pleased with the new voting equipment.

With no further business to be discussed Mrs. Robinson made a motion to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. All voted yes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Pamela O. Bulloch
Recording Secretary