

Amelia County Electoral Board
Minutes – Tuesday, October 8, 2019

ATTENDEES: Mary Alice Williams, Chair Brenda Johnson, Secretary
 Mamie Barley, Vice Chair Peter Smith, Director of Elections

The Electoral Board of Amelia County met on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 in the Registrar's Office. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams at 10:05 AM.

Minutes of the August 27th meeting was approved as presented.

Smith introduced our guest, Barbara Tabb, President of the VEBA from Prince George's County.

Smith updated us on his activities since the last meeting. The training for OOE's Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs went well. The majority were able to attend. The recognition and training for OOE's scheduled for Tuesday, October 29th is proceeding as planned. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM with training to begin around 7:15 PM. Williams will handle the food. County Administrator, Taylor Harvie was invited and he will attend. Letter will be mailed to former OOE, J. Perkinson in response to her question as to why she has not been scheduled to work the last two elections.

With regards to an alternate location for Precinct 5, "the Grange" is a better location than Tabernacle Methodist Church. We will wait until after the 2020 Census, and possible redistricting, before we take any action on the possible relocation of Precinct 4. Telephone contact to District 1 can be challenging due to poor cell phone service. We decided that it was too late to pursue any effort this year to conduct a voter registration drive or solicit Election Pages from the high school.

Our current space is not adequate to handle early voting beginning in 2020. Smith will contact the leasing agent concerning possible office relocation to the space next door. We plan to meet with county representatives in January to discuss early voting issues and additional budget needs. The budget for 2020-2021 should include money (capital improvement) for new electronic poll books.

Legislative Day is planned for January 21, 2020. There will be a proposal to have terms for Electoral Board members to begin January 1 instead of March 1. The agency will also propose 100% reimbursement to localities. The early voting mandate is an unfunded mandate. Another proposal is to move the June primary from the second Tuesday in June to the third Tuesday. Rationale is that the schools will be closed for the summer break. Discussion may ensue around reorganization of the State Board. The Board also plans to conduct a compensation study for General Registrars.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda H. Johnson, Secretary