



MINUTES

Floyd County Electoral Board Meeting

12 August 2023

Call to Order: 1:03 pm

Attending: Brecc Avellar, Chairman, by Phone
Becky Howell, Vice Chair Robert C. Smith, Sec.
Donna Sweeney, Staff Kim Via, Staff and P.W.
Paul Kitchen, Democratic Party Rep.
Debra Johnson, Independent Rep.
Consulting, Amy Ingram, General Registrar

On Motion: Review and Adoption of
Minutes of 12 July, R. Smith, 2nd by B. Howell,
Adopted Unanimously

Election Officers Debriefing,

Little River/Courthouse: Invited Chiefs and assistant Chiefs from listed Precincts, Paul Brickhouse, Kim Via, Rick Parrish, Elizabeth Warriner. Suggestions and critique were entertained by the Board, and have been noted and set aside for consideration after our next meeting, when we will hear from the remaining Chief and Assist. Chief Officers.

G.R. Report: New Election Lawbooks have been received and are being distributed, the date for the L&A Testing has been set for 14 September, we still need to schedule a training date for the just-arrived Ballot-on-Demand printer. Asbestos has been found in the upstairs space adjacent to the G.R. Office, but is expected to be removed before 28 Aug. a copy of the Certified Candidates for the Nov. Election was provided to the Board, there will be new ADA Certification standards coming into practice, and we will need to schedule a review and documentation process to assure compliance, this will need to be done before 16 Oct., for 2023, and by 1 Sept. on following years, on motion by R. Smith and 2nd by B. Howell, adopted unanimously, the Board authorized the G.R. to proceed on the matter.

On Motion: Consideration and Adoption of four Motions proposed: Adopted on Motion by R. Smith, 2nd by B. Howell, adopted unanimously:

- 1 On Motion: Discussion of Action on Server and Network - Still working on installation of our Server with the .gov /wix, and Network Solutions (named network). B. Avellar recommends that we retain Mr. Francisco as our sole Network Manager to maintain our independence from the County System, we will need to study our options in the setup and management of the system. We will, for the short term, still be coordinating with the County IT Manager thru early September.
- 2 On Motion: Discussion, Early Voting and New Space - 22 Sept. Start date for Early Voting, as flooring and doorlocks still need to be installed, we are waiting for a "Go-, No-go" decision from the County Administration Office on whether we will have access to the New Space for our use.
- 3 On Motion: Discussion, Selection of Officers, and Ballot Order - We will be printing 6 ballot styles for the Nov. Election, and have until the 18th of August to submit the print order. After discussion, the Board concluded that we should use a 70% projected turnout factor for the order, and so informed the G.R. Also discussed was the issue of Pollworkers declining to identify with either recognized Party. We are required by statute to "as reasonably possible" maintain fewer than 30% pollworkers non-identified within each Precinct, and ELECT is pushing the issue with localities.
- 4 On Motion: Discussion, Upcoming Meetings and Training - Pollworker Training is required to be conducted within 3 Saturdays prior to Election Day, the Board has settled on Saturday, 21 October as the optimum date, and G.R. Will be contacting the Floyd Methodist Church as a venue option.

On Motion, Discussion of any New Business - The Board authorized the G.R. to check on pricing for smaller Polling Place equipment tubs, G. R. also reported that all of the required Campaign Finance Reports for eligible candidates were completed and are in good order. The Board, after discussion, declined to take action on changing vendors for the Election Day lunches and will stay with The Bread Basket.

On Motion: Set next Meeting Date: 7 Sept. 1:00, with follow-on 14 September, 8:00 for HART L&A Testing Meeting Adjourned on Motion by Smith and 2nd by B. Avellar, adopted unanimously, 2:24 pm