



*County of Gloucester*  
Gloucester County Electoral Board Minutes  
February 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 3:00 pm in the EB office in the Registrar's Complex in County Office Building #1. Present were Michael Horrell, Albert Ali, and Bobbi Morgan, Registrar.

Chairman Michael Horrell was re-nominated by the Democratic Party and re-appointed by the Gloucester County Circuit Court to serve another term on the Electoral Board. The following officers were elected: EB Chairman, Albert Ali, EB Vice Chairman, Michael Horrell and EB Secretary, Rebecca Horsley.

Minutes of the Electoral Board meeting for January 1, 2016 were previously approved and posted to Gloucester County Voter Registrar's Web site. The candidate's financial report was due January 17, 2017. All parties reported on time.

In Becky's absence, Bobbi reported that additional outlets in the courthouse basement were not required since the new voting equipment does not require charging of batteries. Mike and Albert both agreed. They also agreed that approximately 10 chairs and 2 tables would be needed.

The Electoral Board will be inviting Chris Avery to the March meeting to discuss additional movers that may be required for upcoming elections.

Bobbi reported the Registrar's office received 18 of the Oath/Response notices that were sent out the previous month. The notices were sent to both new and re-appointed Election Officers.

Bobbi reported she has completed the February newsletter and will be sending them out to the Election Officers.

The Electoral Board will discuss advertising for the White Marsh Precinct move from Bethel Elementary School back to Page Middle School at the March meeting. Mike will contact John Hutchinson to follow up.

The next Election Primary will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Training is scheduled at 7:00 pm at the Moose Lodge on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Bobbi suggested a training day idea of using the "Practice Makes Perfect Lab". The lab would include a mock polling location consisting of 4 Stations: Meeter Greeter/Demonstration, EPB/Ballot, Chief/Assistant and Poll Booth/Voting Machines area. Albert and Michael were receptive to the suggestion.

The next General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Training is scheduled at 7:00 pm at the Moose Lodge on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The EPB's will continue to use Demtech Advocate program through the June election. The Electoral Board will need to update the EPB's before the June primary.

Bobbi is monitoring several congressional bills of the Virginia General Assembly which include:

Support:

- HB 1409 would permit technical adjustments to precinct and district boundaries in the years intervening between decennial redistricting.
- HB 1594 would permit, in addition to existing criteria for precinct boundaries, adding property line/boundary lines officially recognized by local governments to be part of voting precinct boundaries.
- HB 1912 would permit persons who are under protection of court protective order to vote absentee.
- HJ 702 would require JLARC study of funding needs of elections.
- HJ 703 would create joint committee to study improving conduct of special elections.
- SB 892 would require applications for absentee ballots to be sent by mail to be submitted 11 days prior to election, rather than current deadline of seven days.

Oppose:

- HB 1698 would REQUIRE long-term memorandum of understanding between owners of premises that serve as precinct voting locations and local electoral boards/local governments.
- HB 1933 would create complicated requirements for verifying and confirming withdrawal of a candidate from an election.
- HB 1955 would extend deadline for registration in event of a crash of state voter registration database (VERIS) by number of days that database was inoperative.
- HJ 552 constitutional amendment would eliminate requirement of full Social Security Number on voter registration applications, and permit last four digits only. (SJ 226)
- SB 864 would permit chief judge of judicial circuit, OR HIS DESIGNEE to make electoral board appointments. Currently all judges of circuit must sign order of appointment.
- SB 826 would permit nursing home photo ID of nursing home resident as acceptable photo ID, where nursing home is licensed by state agency.

Becky and Bobbi attended the VEBA and VRAV Joint meeting that was held on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

The VEBA meeting will be held at the Homestead on March 3<sup>rd</sup> - March 5<sup>th</sup>. Becky, Albert & Mike will leave at 9:00 am in a county car on Friday, March, 3<sup>rd</sup> and return on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Electoral Board voted to move the March meeting from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Mike Horrell  
Chairman

Albert Ali  
Vice-Chairman  
(Acting Secretary)

Rebecca Horsley