

Minutes of the February 5, 2020 meeting of the Gloucester County Electoral Board.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman at 9:00am in the Registrar's Office, County Building #1, in Gloucester. Present were Pat Dunnington, Republican Party Chairman, Evan Farmer, Rebecca Horsley, Dean Vines and Bobbi Morgan, Registrar.

Chairman had no report.

Secretary had no report.

Vice-Chairman reported on the updating of the security system. Corrections will be made to the old report by secretary and sent to ELECT by March 1, 2020

### **Registrar's Report:**

PROGRAMMING: Vendor came on 1/30/2020 at 9am and programed the remaining Voting Machines.

ELECTORAL BOARD: Review the Election Officer List, Review Training PowerPoints, Agenda and Plan, Package ballots for all precincts, Clear Roanes EPB's and Test each TallyPoint unit for Training.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE: For the January 15, 2020 reports, 2 candidates did not file: Anita Parker and Kevin Smith. Parker filed a final and paid her late fee. From the last report, Benjamin Packett filed a final report. Next Campaign Finance Reports Due: July 15, 2020.

It was decided that the Secretary would give a copy of the minutes to Kevin Smith and ask if he would consider filing a final report to eliminate any future late fees.

LEGISLATIVE: SB 316 moving the June primary to the third Tuesday passed the Senate 24 to 16. HB 57 passed the House on third reading Y-90, N-10. These bills move the June Primary to third Tuesday of the month, as we have been requesting for years. SB 1 and HB 111 bills have both passed their own house, extending both the no excuse voting to the full 45 days and no excuse through the mail. Also, watch HB 220 this bill was reported out of Appropriations, so it is on its way to the floor. This would require that voters be mailed a postage pre-paid envelope with which to return their ballot. Right now, the voter has to pay the postage (except for overseas voters). As written, the cost of this would fall to localities.

VRAY: The following items were discussed: Update on last report of the possibilities of No Excuse Voting extending to the full 45 days, No Excuse to start in June, No Excuse extended to By Mail, No Excuse permanent Absentee voter list, Same day Registration and Absentee Voting, repeal of Photo ID, Counting UOCAVA Ballots after close of polls, Automatic Voter Registration and preregistration for persons age 16 or older.

ELECT: The State Board of Elections amended and passed voting equipment standards for 2020 and 2021. One explaining uniformity standards for 2020 and the second new certification standards for 2021. The SBE now requires vendors to provide a baseline uniform software version for all localities using voting equipment in Virginia for the November 2020 election. Compliance with this uniformity standard creates a baseline for all software versions, ensuring that across the Commonwealth all equipment used in the administration of elections is verified as secure, tested, and certified. Listed below are our vendors and their baseline software versions: Voting Systems - Dominion Voting – 4.1.4-E and Electronic Pollbooks - DemTech – 2.3.67

The Board's uniformity motions, allow localities to purchase certified systems with higher software versions than the baseline listed above. Localities will be able to continue to use their current election equipment for the November 2020 election, if they meet the baseline version listed above. **These versions will be decertified on July 31, 2021.** ELECT recommends you contact your vendor ASAP regarding these changes. I contacted our vendors and we are at both baselines listed above and we are in compliance for the 2020 elections, only.

BUDGET: FY21 Budget feedback was not received yet. Unable to attend meeting due to shortage of staff in the Registrar's Office.

BALLOTS: We received all precinct Paper Absentee Ballots from our vendor on 1/24/2020.

ABSENTEE VOTING: Is in progress.

**Next Meeting: March 4, 2020, 9:30am Provisional and regular meeting immediately following.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Dean Vines  
Chairman

Evan Farmer  
Vice-Chairman

Rebecca Horsley  
Secretary