

NELSON COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020

I. **Call to order**

Chairman Bailey called to order the regular meeting of the Nelson County Electoral Board at 10:00 am on January 14, 2020 at Nelson County Office of the Registrar.

II. **Roll call**

Chairman Bailey conducted a roll call. Present: Don Bailey, Chairman; Susan Greene, Secretary; Jacqueline Britt, Director of Elections; and Linda Hughes, attendee.

III. **Approval of minutes from previous meetings**

The minutes from November 4, 2019, November 6, 2019 and November 8, 2019 were presented and approved.

IV. **Old Business**

November General Election 2019 Recap

Overall, the election ran smoothly in all precincts. There are plans to have more signs directing voters to the new Roseland precinct location, along with improved signage for handicap parking spaces there. Notices about the new Roseland location will continue to be sent to news outlets prior to upcoming elections.

V. **New Business**

A. Electoral Board member Appointment update

The process of appointing a new electoral board member to fulfill the remainder of David McBee's term, which expires on February 29, 2020 is underway.

B. March 3rd 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary Update

Logistic and Accuracy testing and programming of voting equipment for CAP was performed on December 30, 2019. Equipment testing for the remaining precincts will be performed before the March 3rd primary. Absentee in-person voting will begin on Thursday, January 16, 2020, and will end on Saturday, February 29th. All requested ballots have been mailed. The Registrar's office will be closed on January 17th and February 20th in observance of MLK Day and Presidents' Day.

C. Budget Amendment request

The budget for the March 3, 2020 primary has been approved, and the budget for the next fiscal year has been submitted. A budget request will be submitted for the June 2020 congressional primary.

D. Cyber Security Standards

The board discussed the upcoming State Board certified standards for voting equipment and electronic pollbook equipment and software.

E. Early Voting update

No Excuse Early Voting is expected to be implemented for the June 2020 Democratic congressional primary, and may begin on the 2nd Saturday immediately preceding the election. There is a possibility that the No Excuse/Early Voting period will be expanded to 45 days to conform to the time frame used for current absentee voting. The Board discussed the need for adequate space, staff, equipment, parking, and security to accommodate the numbers of voters projected to cast No Excuse/Early Voting ballots.

F. Officer of Election Appointments for 2020

The Officer of Elections appointments were reviewed and approved for each precinct, and training sessions will be scheduled in preparation for the March 3rd 2020 presidential primaries.

G. VEBA annual meeting

The meeting will be held March 20-22, 2020 at The Homestead in Hot Springs, VA.

VI. Good of the Order

No other business was presented.

VII. Adjournment

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:35 am. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 4th at 10:00 am.

Approved: February 2, 2020