

October 24, 2017

The Tazewell County Electoral Board met in the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 whereby the meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Chair, Emma Hagy. In attendance were Beth Grindstaff, Vice Chair, Sherman Cain, Secretary and Director of Elections, Brian Earls.

A prepared agenda was presented to the Board members at commencement of the meeting. Beth Grindstaff made a motion for approval of the minutes from the October 5, 2017 meeting; seconded by Emma Hagy; motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed recently received election applications. Following the discussion Sherman Cain made the motion to accept the applicants; seconded by Beth Grindstaff; motion carried unanimously. Approved were Justin S. Fletcher and Melinda F. Elswick.

The Board heard from Director Earls regarding the status of precinct access keys necessitated by the new voting equipment which require delivery ahead of Election Day. Director Earls declared key acquisition has progressed and is nearly complete.

The Board concurred the agenda item styled 'Precinct Agreements' should be tabled until 2018.

Director Earls informed the Board the list of election officials available for the upcoming election was in good shape despite several opting out this cycle for a variety of reasons. He stated we still have a surplus of folks but are continuing to recruit additional personnel, especially more Democratic representatives.

Discussions ensued regarding Election Day procedures. The first item concerned the media stick (commonly known as a thumb drive) disposition post-election. Upon careful consideration the Board heard a motion presented by Emma Hagy to leave the media stick secured with the voting tabulator. The motion was seconded by Sherman Cain; motion carried unanimously.

The end of day procedure regarding voted ballots was next reviewed and discussed. Following the debate Sherman Cain made the motion to have the election officials return the voted ballots secured in the blue box to the registrars office at the end of the day; seconded by Emma Hagy; motion carried unanimously.

The full Board was updated on pre- and post-election machine delivery arrangements. Mike Kidd is providing the equipment and drivers. Voting equipment cages will be loaded in the trailers commencing Friday afternoon Nov 3. Mr. Kidd will keep the trailers garaged until Monday morning.

The Board discussed compensation for the delivery driver. Sherman Cain made the motion to pay the driver two hundred dollars for up to a ten hour day and an additional twenty dollars per hour over ten hours. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Board agreed to Election Day precinct visits on the same division as in prior elections. The Board also agreed to arrive at the registrar's office at 7:00pm post-election Tuesday evening. The Board also agreed to a 2:00pm start time on Wednesday, November 8 for canvass.

There being no further business, Beth Grindstaff made the motion. The motion, seconded by Sherman Cain, carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Secretary

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman