

April 23, 2018

The Tazewell County Electoral Board met in the General Registrar's office Monday, April 23, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tom Brewster at 8:30am. Also present was Director of Elections, Brian Earls and Secretary, Sherman Cain. Vice Chair, Beth Grindstaff, unable to attend in person, participated via teleconference by agreement of the entire Board.

The motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2018 meeting was offered by Beth Grindstaff, seconded by Sherman Cain; the motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed and briefly discussed one election official application recently received whereby Beth Grindstaff made the motion to approve William C. Bunch; the motion seconded by Sherman Cain unanimously carried.

The Board heard from Director Earls regarding the recent decision from officials with the Community Heights Church to terminate the use of their fellowship hall as the Wardell precinct location with the June Primary being the last. Discussions ensued as to an alternative location and/or possibly a merging of two precincts, Wardell and Pounding Mill into one. The Board members agreed to visit the VFW in Claypool Hill as soon as possible to ascertain the feasibility of the VFW location as a voting site.

Director Earls advised the Board the Mayor of Pocahontas wants to relocate the town precinct from the old jail, which is in need of repairs, to the town hall. This move would be temporary until a permanent site, currently being used by the post office, is ready. The Board agreed to scope out the town hall as soon as possible to see if it is a suitable site and follow up with the Mayor for more information.

Director Earls updated the Board on the June 12 primary preparations. A public service ad advising of a dual primary will run in the Voice newspaper April 25, 2018. Also he stated several election officials who served as chief in past elections will not be available for the June election requiring a break in of some new ones.

Machine delivery for the upcoming election was discussed by the Board. Sherman Cain agreed to follow up with Mike Kidd to make sure he was still onboard for delivery and pick up. As in the past election loading would start on Friday at 2pm with delivery commencing Monday at 7am.

The Board heard from Director Earls regarding the county budget crisis and the anticipated financial needs for temporary help with the primary plus travel for required annual training in Richmond. Director Earls has pared additional help expenses to \$700

for the primary cycle. To avoid some expense, the Board concurred with closing the office, as permitted by code, for the training.

In other business Sherman Cain suggested studying the possibility of switching the registrar office on the 3rd floor with the space housing the voting equipment on the 1st floor. There possibly could be several advantages to the switch with one of the most important being easier access for absentee voters. The suggestion is under advisement by Director Earls.

The Board was advised by Director Earls the old voting equipment has been picked up. We were also advised the fund request for repairs from officials with the Jewell Ridge Community Center is no longer needed since the PSA contributed the costs.

There being no further items to discuss, Sherman Cain made the motion to adjourn; Beth Grindstaff seconded, motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am

Respectfully submitted:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Secretary