

The County of New Kent Electoral Board met on Friday, October 27, 2017 in the office of the General Registrar in New Kent. Chairman Moss called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with all members present. Also included in the meeting was the Registrar and Chief Assistant Registrar.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Boards previous meetings, having been sent to the Board members for review were approved and signed. Motion was carried, and members were polled.

William M. Jeffries	Aye
Charles E. Moss, Sr.	Aye
George B. Winson	Aye

This meeting was called to order to discuss ordering additional ballots as requested by the State Board of Elections. Ms. Bartlett contact Mr. Moss regarding a conversation she had with Leslie Williams, the Election Administration, and Education Manager with the Virginia Department of Elections. Ms. Williams, stated that she had been in contact with Mr. Cortez the Elections Commissioner with the Department of Elections after the Registrar inquired about a form she needed to have approved by ELECT to reproduce ballots. After Ms. Williams told her where to find the form, she then began to discuss ballot order with Mr. Cortez and the State Board of Elections. The Commissioner was a little concerned that we had not ordered enough ballots and demanded that we order more. When the Registrar contacted Mr. Moss, he stated that he needed something more official and in writing stating this request. (Attached hereto and made a part of these minutes) The Chairman requested the Registrar to contact the other members to discuss and meet on this topic today. The letter was to have as confirmation for us to present to the Board of Supervisors if we needed proof. We were instructed in the last meeting to have on hand 750 reproduced ballots for an emergency. Apparently, the Department of Elections did not want us to use reproduced ballots. The Electoral Board, after meeting with the County Board of Supervisors ordered 50% of the total voters 15,241 which equaled up to 7500, plus 200 for absentee voters and 20 for testing which equaled 7,720 ballots ordered. Based on past Elections for this race the Electoral Board members felt that this was a good number. We had spoken with the Board of Supervisors as well because in the past we had ordered too many ballots. The Electoral Board asked the Registrar to order up to 70%. She then put in an order for 2,250 additional per suggested by Mr. Moss. Absentee had been going very well. We used the 200 that was ordered for absent and had started going into the precinct ballots. Those ballots were here in no time. The Department of Elections stated that we needed to order 85%, and then upped it to 87% after informing the Attorney General that the Board was refusing to order more ballots. After Mr. Moss spoke with the Attorney General he agreed to order 3,000 additional ballots for the Nov. 7, 2017, General Election.

The members discussed. First it was discussed if ELECT can do this? They know that it is a “New” world now and that a lot of people want to vote and make sure that their vote counts. The ballots can be costly and apparently after being told that we can reproduce ballots, ELECT decided that they did not want us to do that if we had time to order more ballots. The additional ballots were ordered per the request of the State Board. Mr. Winson also stated that according to the code section or disclaimer in §24.2-612, which is written very simple. “If the State Board finds that, in its opinion, the number of ballots ordered to be printed by any local electoral board is not sufficient they may direct the local board to order the printing of a reasonable number of additional ballots”. Mr. Moss stated the reason we did this was in case the Board of Supervisor’s wanted to know why we spent so much on ballots that were wasted, we can say that we followed the code that was directed to us by ELECT from the Virginia Election Law code book. Motion was made by Mr. Winson and Mr. Jeffries seconded. Members were polled:

William M. Jeffries	Aye
Charles E. Moss, Sr.	Aye
George B. Winson	Aye

The Registrar also informed the Board members that we had received a letter from Edison Research Group via email and hard copy mailed that the group will be collecting individual precinct results after the polls close on Election night for the Chickahominy River Precinct – 0502. They will not be at the precinct but will come to the registrar’s office to collect those results.

Mr. Winson also asked the registrar to provide him with the addresses again for all the precinct to travel to on Election Day.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Jeffries moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. The members were polled: Mr. Winson seconded.

William M. Jeffries	Aye
Charles E. Moss, Sr.	Aye
George B. Winson	Aye

Secretary

Chairman

November 21, 2017

Date Prepared

Vice-Chairman