

The County of New Kent Electoral Board met on Monday, October 3, 2016 in the Office of the General Registrar in New Kent. Chairman Moss called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. with all members present, including General Registrar, Karen Bartlett and Chief Assistant Registrar, P. Simone Thornton. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Board’s August 1, 2016 meeting, having been sent to the Board members for their review were approved and signed. Motion was carried, members were polled.

Kenneth C. Moore, Jr.	Aye
Charles E. Moss, Sr.	Aye
George B. Winson	Aye

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL OFFICER OF ELECTION: There has been a surge of interested persons requesting to work as officers of Election, through other officers, from the State Agencies (Governor’s request), and on-line from the Department of Elections online registrations. (See List attached here to and made part of these minutes).

PRECINCT DESIGNATION LIST: Mr. Moss and other Board members and Registrars read down the list to assign all of the officers including the new ones pending there paper work. We assigned the new officers precincts and gave them a time frame of ten days to return all paper work to our office, complete, including I-9s and direct deposit information for Human Resources.

DISCUSSIONS: ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS / ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Concerns have come up in regards to the hand held scanners to be used with the Lenovo Think Pads on Election Day. Also a question has surfaced on whether or not the scanners had to have additional software programmed in order to use the scanners. All of this one, month before Election Day. Some of the Election Officer asked if they could purchase the hand held scanners to help make their job a little easier and also there were a few physical concerns. Ms. Bartlett told them after she checked on the price of the scanners she would let them know what the Board and the Board of Supervisors would agree on. The Board agreed that we find money from somewhere to purchase the handheld scanners.

Mr. Winson made the motion and Mr. Moore seconded. Members were polled:

Kenneth C. Moore, Jr.	Aye
Charles E. Moss, Sr.	Aye
George B. Winson	Aye

As far as the Electronic poll books, Mr. Moss said that there was no turning back now. We must use them with guidance from ELECT. Mr. Winson stated that there had to be a practical use of the poll books. Mr. Moore said not to use them just use the Paper poll books, unless ELECT could give us

more guidance as well. Mr. Moss stated that we were told by ELECT that everyone was using the Electronic Poll books in the training that we attended with ELECT in June. Then when asked the question in our training class; if ALL of the localities were using the EPBs? One of the trainers said “NO”, and that some localities said that they would never use electronic poll books. Ms. Bartlett received another price quote from Daly Computers on 24 hand held scanners. Total cost of the 6 Lenovo Think Pads and 34 Thumb drives ((All attached to and made a part of these minutes).

Mr. Moss contacted Paul Stenbjorn, Director of Election Administration and Election Technology Certification and Security, with the Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT), to ask him about helping us with basic training of the Election Officers before the end of the month. Mr. Stenbjorn stated that he would have someone contact the Registrar to set up days and times.

Motion was made to use the Electronic poll books, as directed by the Department of Elections with Paper poll books as back up Mr. Moore amended his statement about the electronic poll books to agree with the other members

Kenneth C. Moore, Jr.	Aye
Charles E. Moss, Sr.	Aye
George B. Winson	Aye

CONCERNS FROM THR BOARD MEMBERS / STAFF FOR ELECTION DAY SECURITY:

Weapons in the polling places were discussed again after Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, this week, banned the open carry of guns in some state-owned buildings and pledged to pursue a muscular and multifaceted strategy to combat gun violence in Virginia. Gov. McAuliffe's executive order immediately bans the open carry of firearms, except by law enforcement officials, in offices used by Executive branch agencies. “The governor also instructed a state administrator to propose regulations within the next 30 days to ban concealed weapons in the same offices. Virginia allows both the open carry and concealed carry of guns in public spaces”. There has been much more gun violence on the news recently, churches, schools, on the streets involving police officers.

Mr. Moss will take care of getting additional cones for parking and blocking the campaign area (40 feet). He will also meet with the Sheriff and the Fire Department and General Service about additional support on Election Day in regards to generators. David Maloney is the new technician hired by the Board for this election to help with the Electronic Poll books and assist Kelly Lowe at the different precincts. They will start out on election morning at opposite ends of the County Ms. Bartlett asked the County Administrator if it would be alright to make signs for the technicians and Board member for quick entrance in a polling place signs that read “Official County Business”. He agreed The County

vehicle will be reserved the week prior to the Election for Kelly to use and to help pick up equipment on Election Night. Mr. Moss will also take care of picking up odd color cones to be designated for special permit. Mr. Winson asked about security and manpower to help with equipment after hours. Mr. Moss said that, that was all taken care of. A deputy will be assigned to the Health & Human Service building parking lot. Authorized representative and Observers were discussed as usual before elections. This year a group called “Judicial Watch—because no one is above the law”, Has sent to all of the Virginia Registrars a letter requesting permission to be a neutral observer in their locality on Election Day. They sent us a request via e-mail on September 20, 2016 and sent another request last week to see if we had decided to let them observe. Ms. Bartlett had sent the email to the Board member on September 20th but, the Board had not met since then. It was brought up again at this meeting for a response. Questions came up as far as what other registrars were doing or responding, and if any guidance had come from ELECT. Ms. Bartlett told the Board that she really liked the response that Kirk Showalter, General Registrar & Director of Elections in Richmond City, responded about the amount of people on Election Day, officer plus authorized representatives, per party including all candidates, plus, now neutral observers would be just a little bit too many people along with voters in the polling place, in a very nice way. Mr. Moore said that he would be more than happy to respond since they have contacted our locality again for the second time (See attached, hereto and made part of these minutes). Members were polled:

Kenneth C. Moore, Jr.	Aye
Charles E. Moss, Sr.	Nay
George B. Winson	Aye

Ms. Bartlett asked if Kelly Lowe would be needed for the upcoming trainings with all of the new officers now appointed. Mr. Moss asked the Board what they thought and they all agreed that it would be helpful, as well as Mr. Maloney, so officers would know his face.

Kenneth C. Moore, Jr.	Aye
Charles E. Moss, Sr.	Aye
George B. Winson	Aye

TRAINING MEETING FOR OFFICERS: The Board agreed on the next meeting dates to be for the Officer of Election Training – 6:30 p.m. on the following evenings: Tuesday October 25, 2016, Thursday October 27, 2016, Weather plan dates Tuesday November 1, 2016 and Thursday, November 3, 2016.

The Registrar stated that she felt this election was going to be different from all other Presidential Elections she has ever been involved in. There was some doubt in the room, but she explained that with all of the NEW on-line applications, registrations and absentee applications. This is more than we have ever witnessed in New Kent.

Mr. Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 p.m. Mr. Winson. Seconded. Members were polled.

Kenneth C. Moore, Jr.	Aye
Charles E. Moss, Sr.	Aye
George B. Winson	Aye

Secretary

Chairman

December 30, 2016

Date Prepared

Vice-Chairman