

The County of New Kent Electoral Board met on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 in the Health and Human Service Building, large conference Room (before the Election Officer's training session), in New Kent. Chairman Moss called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members present, including the Commonwealth Attorney, Linwood C. Gregory, Sheriff, Joe McLaughlin, Jr. and General Registrar, Karen Bartlett.

DISCUSSIONS: ELECTION PREPARTION / VARIOUS TOPIC, SECURITY, VOTER

CONCERNS, SAFETY, FRAUD, ETC: Attorney Gregory had phone calls and other communications with voters in the County in regards to topic above. Mr. Gregory had also called over earlier when asked to meet with the Board, asked the Registrar for a list of all of the appointed officers of election for his records just in case he need to refer to that list. (See attached list here to and made a part of these minutes). Chairman Moss said that he was aware of the Voter Participation Center sending out mailing to various residents, telling them that they may not be eligible to vote and the registration applications mailed out to them with all of their information basically already filled in except for the social security number, date of birth and signature. He knew several people that had received them before the close of books on October 17, 2016. The Registrar's Office had received hundreds of calls from concerned voters along with voters bringing the applications to the office in person to ask if the application was legal, Attorney Gregory received calls as well. The persons that spoke with him wanted to know if the company sending them and the phone calls that they received were some type of scam. Questions came up about cell phone usage in the polling places and whether it was legal to use them. Chairman Moss and Secretary Moore stated that cells phones were now and has been acceptable in the polling places since 2010. However the Virginia Law code is very specific as stated in §24.2-604 and the person/ persons cannot hinder the voting process pursuant to the code. Chairman Moss also stated that he would include in his security training with the officers that after recent terrorist attacks that if any one sees strange back packs left unattended or persons with overcoats in warm temperatures to be alert but not bold. Contact the Board or Registrar's office, inform the Chief and contact the police. In past Elections, the Sheriff always had deputies assigned to heavy populated precincts. At least 4 had been assigned to elections. The Registrar stressed a concern she had in regards to the office, where in the past week alone we have had two instances where a person(s) came in to vote absentee, when other voters were in the voting booth or filing out their absentee application/ ballots, the person(s) would talk out loud and the candidate that they were voting for and urge anyone else to vote for that person as well. They were being disruptive at one time that a person almost forgot to cast his ballot after

completing his application. They just wanted to be heard. We have no emergency exit that leads outside, only to the suite next door which causes an alarm to go off if you enter the suite.

This Election there will be one assigned to each precinct and also in the parking lot of the Registrar's office, (the Health and Human Service Building), before and after the polls close.

The Commonwealth Attorney also told us to remind the Officers of Election that they are sworn officers that day if they encounter anything out of the ordinary, call 911. But they must give the voter the right and opportunity to vote before they leave. The Sheriff also stated that they have already had reports and have seen signs slashed and stolen from people's property. Judging by everything said, Mr. Gregory said that it seemed like we have it all together. He also mentioned to Ms. Bartlett that he had no idea that we had a list of Election Officers that long with well over 100 names.

They excused themselves because Officers were starting to come into the room for their training. Ms. Bartlett asked the Board if she could order 15 more privacy panels for 15 voting booths where the panels were missing. Mr. Moss polled the members.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to go into the training session for the officers of Elections.

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

Secretary

Chairman

December 22, 2016,

Date Prepared

Vice-Chairman