

The County of New Kent Electoral Board met on Tuesday, July 26 2022 via Conference Call .com at 5:00 p.m. Those in attendance on the call were Mr. Charles E. Moss, Chairman, Mr. Thomas A. Miller, Vice Chairman, Mr. George B. Winson, Secretary, Ms. P. Simone Thornton, Registrar, Mrs. Carolyn Gardner, one of the Assistant Registrars. Mr. Moss called the meeting to order. Secretary Winson informed the Board that he discussed the Annual General Registrar Performance Review with the Ms. Simone Thornton earlier in the afternoon. He and Ms. Thornton signed and dated the document. The Appendix3: Performance Summary will be remitted to the Department of Elections by Aug 01, 22 and serves as the Board's official record of the review. Chairman, Charles Moss and the Vice chair, Thomas Miller agreed that the review presented a fair and accurate account of the Ms. Thornton's performance since working in the role of Registrar beginning April 01, 2022. The Chairman and the Vice-Chair will make arrangements to sign the performance review.

POLLBOOKS: Ms. Thornton reminded the Electoral Board of the state mandated upgrades that went into effect July 01, 2022. The electronic pollbook hardware upgrade will cost approximately \$3,000.00. The Registrar, Mike from the New Kent IT department, and Dem Tech representative Mik Brown are going over the cost for the software upgrade for the electronic pollbooks. That cost is estimated to be \$20,000.00. Mr. Winson appreciates the fact that the Registrar is conscious of keeping cost at a minimal. But the County will need to supplement the cost of the state mandated upgrades if it over spends the FY-23 budget. Mr. Moss will contact the County Administrator to ensure that he is aware of the non-funded state mandates of the voting equipment. Mr. Miller added that he is sure the County appropriates money for voting as needed by the Electoral Board. The Registrar stated that the two new DS-200's that the elections department received were paid for with funds from the FY-22 budget; no additional funds were need from the County for this expense.

REDISTRICTING: The Registrar will have a meeting tomorrow with Mr. John Cronin, Elections and Registration Specialist/Registrar Liaison from Virginia Department of Elections to work toward finalizing the redistricting in VERIS (Virginia Election And Registration System). The Department of Elections will send a post card to every voter in New Kent affected by redistricting. This information will be posted on the New Kent County website as well as the

County's other social media sites when the process is completed in VERIS. The Electoral Board strongly

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emphasized that the voters must be notified. Due to the HOD change and split all the registered voters in New Kent will receive a post card.

Mr. Moss asked the Registrar to send the letters to the poll places earlier than the normal scheduled time. He and the Board want to ensure that all the locations will be available for the November 08, 2022 election. Mr. Thomas Whitmore, has voiced concerned about utilizing his dealership for the purpose of voting. Whitmore Chevrolet dealership is the location for the Eltham precinct. At this time there is no County owned meeting place in the Eastern part of the County and no suitable location in that district for the Eltham precinct. Mr. Miller shared that the County has purchased property near the Diascund Creek Reservoir. He will contact the Honorable John Lockwood, District 5 Board of Supervisor and get more information on the location and the availability of the property usage. Mr. Miller will send the information to the Board members and to the Registrar. Due to the fact that New Kent is the fastest growing County in the state the Board recognizes the need to begin searching early for additional polling locations. COVID has presented the New Kent Electoral Board with challenges as it relates to utilizing facilities for polling locations. The Electoral Board has a company that will clean the facilities during this season of COVID concern The New Kent Electoral Board is intent on being proactive in this endeavor; inquiring about future locations for polling places. Mr. Winson suggested that a letter be drafted with the concern over a polling place in the Eastern part of the County. The letter will inform the County Administrator as well as the BOS that some time in the near future this concern will need to be addressed.

The Registrar shared that the New Kent University will be held on September 08 and that a representative from the Electoral Board or a representative from the Registrar's office should be in attendance for any questions attendees may have. Mr. Moss suggested that the newly appointed Registrar should attend. Mr. Winson and Mr. Miller were in agreement that the Registrar should attend the New Kent University. Mr. Miller said that he will be attending, also. Mrs. Krista Eutesy asked that the representatives be there no later than 1:15 pm on Sept 08, 2022.

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ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Charles Moss adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m. on the motion of Mr. Thomas Miller

George B. Winson	Aye
Thomas A. Miller	Aye
Charles E. Moss, Sr.	Aye

Secretary

Chairman

Date Prepared

August 11, 2022

Vice-Chairman
