

MINUTES OF THE FAUQUIER COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD
June 24 & 26, 2020

Present for both meetings: Chairman David Wiedenfeld, Vice Chairman Bob Zwick, Secretary Jane Hurst, General Registrar Alex Ables, and Deputy Registrar Diana Dutton.

On June 24 the meeting was called to order at 11:00AM. The provisional precinct was opened and the status of such determined. The provisional precinct was then suspended until June 26 at 12:00PM. The Canvas of the Votes was then conducted and suspended at 11:57AM.

The minutes from the May 20, 2020 Board meeting were approved.

On June 26, the meeting was called to order at 12:01PM. The provisional precinct was reopened immediately. After reviewing the 35 provisional ballots, the totals were added and the vote count was certified for Fauquier County. The vast majority of provisional ballots were related to absentee ballot requests. (Please note that the number of absentee ballot requests was higher than that for the last gubernatorial election in November 2017.)

Old Business

- Update on status of planning for no-excuse absentee voting in the November 2020 general election which begins September 18.
 - The County has two sites available for use. Michael Kress, Director of Facilities, took Alex Ables, Bob Zwick and Jane Hurst through them several weeks ago. One at Vint Hill will not work as a time-consuming buildout is needed and the site has little parking. The other in the old Depot in Bealeton is workable.
 - Beyond this no progress has been made, despite numerous emails.
 - Storage for voting equipment is also a pressing challenge due to new equipment needed for early voting, the current space is not large enough.
 - David Wiedenfeld will draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors addressing these issues.

Registrar's Report

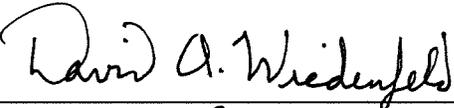
- With the huge response for absentee ballots, it is important that voters understand the process in order for their votes to count and to not add more work for the office. Strategies include articles in the newspapers, alerts to voter groups, candidates and political committees.

The next meeting will be on June 10 at 3:30PM. A Zoom invitation will be sent for those unable to attend in person.

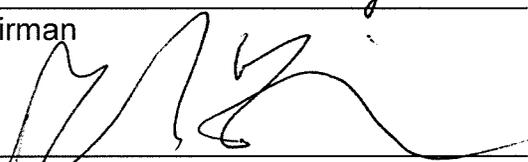
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Hurst, Secretary



Chairman



Vice Chairman



Secretary