

DRAFT

Bath County Electoral Board
November 29, 2016
9:30 a.m.

Voter Registration Office
Springs

Court House, Warm

John called the meeting to order. Those presents: John H. Haney, Chairman; William L. Hardbarger, Vice-Chairman; Martha W. Glenn, Secretary, Charles S. Garratt, General Registrar and DoE; John called for the reading of the minutes of the September 19 meeting. John made a motion that the minutes posted "DRAFT" be approved and the designation be changed on the Bath County website as "FINAL". Bill seconded the motion. All voted, 'yes'. The motion carried.

Board members reviewed letters penned by Charles Garratt on behalf of this Board and the General Registrar to Sergeant Anthony Nicely (State Police), Sheriff Robert Plecker, and Andrew Seabolt, Emergency Service Coordinator in appreciation for their service during the November 9 Election. John made a motion that the Board approve the three letters; Bill seconded the motion. All voted 'yes'. The motion carried. Copies of these letters will be attached in the minute book.

John called for a report from the General Registrar, Charles S. Garratt

Report of the General Registrar:

2017-2018 Budget. Charles will draft a suggested budget and submit it to the Electoral Board members for their perusal.

He reported that the resignation of Matt Ratcliff, Supervisor of the Warm Springs District necessitates a special election - which will be held March 14, 2017. There also will be a dual primary in June, 2017 for all state Constitutional officers: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General.

2017 - 2018 year will necessitate a smaller budget - as probably the only extra election will be for a primary for congressional seat.

He reported that he had received three 'Petition to remove: Richard Byrd, Clare Collins, and Stuart Hall from the Bath County Board of Supervisors.' It is up to the GR/EB to validate the signatures on the petitions.

Charles reported that the November 9, 2016 elections went well.

The VEBA dues for 2017 have been paid.

A letter will be sent to Joe Wood, Chairman of the Bath County Democratic Party, requesting that he submit the names of three candidates for the Electoral Board to fill the expired (as of February 28, 2017) term of Bill Hardbarger.

There was a discussion regarding Electronic Poll Books as Virginia ELECT has left it up to the localities to decide which is best for that locality. Board members will speak with vendors at the VEBA conference in the spring.

Consideration of Officers of Election for the calendar year 2017. Letters will be sent to all who served in 2016 to canvass their willingness to serve another year. The Board will then recruit new O/Es to fill in vacancies of those who do not wish to serve the 2017 year.

The Board reviewed the Performance Evaluations of O/Es (conducted by the chiefs in each precinct); then evaluated the chiefs. We had a very good year with all the O/Es doing a super job. There were no complaints.

The next meeting of this Board will be Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 9:30 in the Voter Registration Office.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bill made a motion to adjourn. John seconded the motion. All voted 'Yes'. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Martha W. Glenn, Secretary
Bath County Electoral Board