

STAUNTON ELECTORAL BOARD

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May 17, 2018

Meeting of the Electoral Board was called to order by Electoral Board Chair, Glenn Graves at 11:25am.
Anne Fitzgerald seconded.

Members present: Glenn Graves, Beth Young, Anne Fitzgerald

Guests present: Molly Goldsmith, Registrar, Doug Guynn, City Attorney, Robin Wallace, Paralegal

New Business:

Election Recount

- Reviewed notice of hearing for May 18th issued by Chief Judge, Charles Ricketts, III.
- Need to submit the Officers of Election information sheet to the school board candidates (Ramsey, Venable, Wratchford, Poulson, Ergenbright) and to the political party chairs.
- Recommended venues: Glenn Graves made a motion that we recommend the School Board Conference Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall as the location for the recount, with the Caucus Room on the 1st floor of City Hall as the alternate location. Beth Young seconded.
 - Discussion:
 - Pros: accessibility for voting machines, ready access to registrar's office.
 - Cons: parking with the Lewis Street parking garage under renovations.
 - Vote: 3-0 to suggest recount location at City Hall
- Recommended number of recount teams: Beth Young made a motion that we use one machine and 2 recount teams (2 members with 2 alternates, one of each party). Glenn Graves seconded.
 - Discussion:
 - There are 3000 ballots with a counting speed of 4 seconds per ballot. It will take about 4 hours to conduct the actual recount.
 - Glenn offered a friendly amendment to the motion to include 2 machines due to the time it would take for the recount. Beth accepted the friendly amendment.
 - Final motion: Recommend use of 2 machines and 2 voting teams (2 members with 2 alternates, one of each party)
 - Vote passed 3-0
- Registrar Molly Goldsmith reported that she has been in touch Jay Overbey with Atlantic Election Services, who oversee our voting equipment, to schedule a time to program machines for the recount. Ms. Goldsmith also reported that she has prepared the list of Officers of Election who served on May 1, including their party affiliation.
- Glenn Graves made a motion to recommend: Nicholas Walge, Jr (Ward 2) and Ernest Holley (Central Absentee Precinct) as the Democrat representatives and Jason Hochstetler (Ward 3) and Susan Sheets (Ward 1) as the Republican representatives for

- the recount teams. The alternates recommended are Rebecca Moomau (D-Ward 1) and Craig Peterson (R-Ward 3). Anne Fitzgerald seconded.
 - Vote passed 3-0
- Beth Young motioned that we send to the Court the list of Officers of Election and the recommend locations for the recount. Glenn Graves seconded.
 - Vote passed 3-0

The Electoral Board authorizes and directs the registrar to submit to the Court, and to the candidates, the following information:

- Officers of Election with their political party designation
- Electoral Board recommendations for location and recount teams
- A copy of the Virginia Department of Elections “Virginia Election Recounts: Step-by-Step Instructions” *(for candidates only)*

The preliminary hearing will take place at 1pm, on Friday, May 18th, 2018, in the Circuit Court for the City of Staunton. All Electoral Board members, and the City Registrar are recommended to attend.

Glenn Graves motioned to adjourn at 12:30. Anne Fitzgerald seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Fitzgerald
Secretary, City of Staunton Electoral Board