

Meeting Minutes of the Sussex County Electoral Board

November 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Sussex County Electoral Board was called to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Office of the General Registrar of Sussex County by Chairman Ronald Hicks.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: The purpose of the meeting was to review and process Provisional Ballots cast at the November 3, 2020, General Election as well as the absentee ballots received after the polls closed, and to certify the results of the November 3, 2020, General Election.

ROLL CALL:

Ronald Hicks, Electoral Board Chair
Glover Pegram, Electoral Board Vice Chair
Al Peschke, Electoral Board Secretary

A quorum was established. Also present at the meeting were:

William R. Jenkins, General Registrar of Sussex County

AGENDA:

Mr. Peschke read the minutes of the November 4 Electoral Board meeting. Mr. Pegram made a motion to accept them as read and Mr. Peschke seconded. The motion was carried with Mr. Hicks dissenting.

Old Business.

In response to a request Mr. Hicks made during the November 4 meeting, Mr. Peschke submitted the portion of the transcript of the October 29 Electoral Board meeting which discussed the door between the Waverly and Blackwater precincts. It was noted the discussion in that meeting referred to having the door closed but there was no mention of locking the door. Mr. Hicks asked to hear the voice recording and Mr. Peschke agreed to provide it to him at the next meeting.

Mr. Hicks addressed his behavior at the precincts, reported in the November 4 minutes, by saying he is not there to socialize but to make sure improper procedures are not occurring. He mentioned the concerned citizen report about vehicles in the Registrar's office parking lot Sunday and said it is important to ensure there is both a Democrat and Republican present. He said the chalk line at Little Mill was 36 feet and should have been 40 feet. He then made a motion to provide himself as Electoral Board Chairman \$3,000 to \$5,000 from the Registrar's budget for clerical help. The motion failed for lack of a second. He then asked how the Electoral Board informs the Democrat party that Mr. Pegram is at the end of his term. Mr. Peschke explained to Mr. Hicks how Electoral Board members are appointed, which does not include involvement from the Electoral Board.

New Business.

- At 12:21 p.m. the Electoral Board entered closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia to evaluate provisional ballots cast in the November 3, 2020, General Election. Mr. Jenkins joined the Board to present the provisional and final absentee ballots.

- The Electoral Board reconvened in Open Session at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Peschke moved to accept 41 of the 49 provisional and absentee ballots evaluated and to reject eight. Of those rejected, three voters were not registered and five absentee ballots were shown to have already voted in the precinct. Mr. Pegram seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

The Electoral Board will certify the election results by affixing their signatures to the Abstract of Votes for each office on Monday, November 9, 2020.

Mr. Jenkins suggested the compensation of each poll worker be increased by \$40.00 for this election only as hazard pay due to COVID-19. After discussion, Mr. Peschke moved to augment the compensation of each person who worked in the polls during the November 3, 2020, election by \$40.00 for COVID-19 hazard pay. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pegram and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Mr. Peschke made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Hicks seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Al Peschke". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Al Peschke, Secretary
Sussex County Electoral Board