

## Sussex County Electoral Board

*May 20, 2019*

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Sussex County Electoral Board was called to order at 9:15 a.m. in the General Registrar's Office.

### **PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:**

The purpose of this meeting was to reappoint William R. Jenkins to another term of general registrar.

### **PRESENT:**

Ron Hicks, Chairman

Glover W. Pegram, Vice Chair

Kathryn Braswell, Secretary

William R. Jenkins, General Registrar

### **AGENDA:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Meeting Minutes.** Ms. Braswell read the minutes to the Electoral Board. The minutes were approved as read.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointment of General Registrar.** Ms. Braswell moved to reappoint Mr. Jenkins to another term as general registrar. Mr. Jenkins passed out his resume and other initiatives passed down by the Virginia Department of Elections for the Electoral Board to review during closed session.

Ms. Braswell called for closed session at 9:35 a.m. pursuant to 2.2-3711 (a) (1) of the Code of Virginia to discuss the appointment of the General Registrar.

The closed session ended at 10:16 a.m. When it reconvened to open session, members certified that matters pertaining to the appointment of the General Registrar were discussed.

Ms. Braswell said Electoral Board members would like to receive copies of Mr. Jenkins' evaluation over the last two years.

Electoral Board members also asked for copies of the registrar's budget. Mr. Jenkins replied that the county sent him monthly copies of his budget that he could supply the Electoral Board.

Ms. Braswell again said that Mr. Jenkins was the best candidate for the general registrar's position. He has the experience to work with redistricting, moving into a new office building and Early Voting.

Ms. Braswell stated that the State Board of Elections wants new registrars appointed by June 1. After the reappointment, an evaluation will be done on Mr. Jenkins' performance.

**Precincts.** Mr. Pegram said candidates who are collecting signatures are asking him about where their precincts begin and end, and was there a map available outlining streets in specific precincts. Mr. Jenkins said that the General Registrar's Office did not have access to GIS to create maps of specific precincts. Other local politicians have used the street file to determine where qualified Sussex County voters lived.

In addition, candidates can contact the State Board of Elections to get a list of registered voters in alphabetical order and by locality. Mr. Hicks asked if there was a cost for that. It was stated that the cost was \$30 - \$50.

Mr. Hicks requested another meeting be held after Ms. Braswell leaves town. Mr. Pegram made a motion to meet again on June 14 before Ms. Braswell leaves town.

**Former BB&T Bank Location.** Ms. Braswell asked if Mr. Jenkins had heard anything regarding the former BB&T Bank location. Mr. Jenkins said the building had been offered to the General Registrar's Office but had not been purchased yet. Mr. Hicks wanted to know if there was a floor plan of the office layout.

Ms. Braswell said the bank has many positive qualities to be a registrar's office. It has a well-constructed handicapped entrance. The drive-through can be used for people with young children or elderly parents to vote without getting out of the car. It features dedicated parking. It also is located on more than two acres of land.

- **Upcoming Election.** On Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019, elections will be held for:
  - Sheriff
  - Commonwealth Attorney
  - Commissioner of Revenue
  - Treasurer
  - Board of Supervisors
  - Tie Breaker
  - School Board
  - House 64
  - House 75

Ms. Braswell asked about the status of the election. One candidate for the treasurer's office, two candidates for the school board and three candidates for the board of supervisors have submitted their petitions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** 10 a.m. Friday, June 14.

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Ronald W. Hicks Sr.

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Glover W. Pegram

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Kathryn Braswell