

A P P R O V E D

BOTETOURT COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

M I N U T E S

NOVEMBER 6-13, 2018

This is a recodation of official activities of the Botetourt County Electoral Board in the period of Tuesday through Tuesday, November 6-13, 2018, regarding the Botetourt County General and Special Election of November 6, 2018. These actions are considered to be elements of a single topic and purpose, and, as such, are here treated as a Continued Meeting.

Tuesday, November 6, 2018—

Chairman John W. Rader and Vice-Chairman William L. Heartwell, III, met at 7:00 a.m. in the facilities provided for the Department of Elections and Voter Registration on Court House Square in Fincastle, Virginia, to begin an inspection and liaison tour of the ten sited voting precincts in Botetourt County. This was completed in mid-afternoon. No significant problem was encountered. Concurrently, Secretary Paul E. Fitzgerald was assigned to maintain ready response availability if required at the Department's offices.

Chairman Rader and Vice-Chairman Heartwell returned to the Department's offices that evening to observe and assist in the return of reports and equipment from the ten precincts, which took place without a problem or incident.

Wednesday, November 7, 2018—

Chairman Rader, Vice-Chairman Heartwell, and Secretary Fitzgerald, assisted by Traci S. Clark, the Director of Elections and General Registrar (DoE/GR), met in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Botetourt County Court House in Fincastle, Virginia, to canvass the vote. For the duration of the meeting, those four persons were the only persons present. No visitor and no observer attended.

The meeting was called to order at 10:41 a.m.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Hartwell, the Electoral Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of October 29, 2018.

A general review of the previous day's election, made without any related action, included decisions made regarding quantity of ballots ordered (if erred, was on the safe side), creeping longevity of Precinct Election Officer staffing base, and the increasingly inappropriate and unsuitable nature of the office-space provided by Botetourt County for the Department of Elections, especially regarding Absentee Voting.

There were six provisional ballots, reported here with resolutions, arrived at subsequent to the noon-deadline on Friday, November 9 for ex-post-facto presentation of proper Voter Identification: Buchanan Precinct, Teresa Ann Shutt Hix, counted—eligibility challenge satisfactorily resolved; Buchanan Precinct, Joel Reid Chambers, not counted; Mill Creek Precinct, Levi Huston Mayo, counted; Fincastle Precinct, Lawrence Edward Toliver, Jr., eligibility status questioned, not counted; Troutville Precinct, Virginia Diane Harris, inadequate identification substantiation, not counted; and Central Absentee Precinct, Nancy Ann Bourne, counted, momentary VERIS failure.

The Vote Canvass was completed at 11:39 a.m.

Chairman Rader and Vice Chairman Heartwell individually certified Abstracts of Votes on Thursday and Friday, November 8-9. Secretary Fitzgerald began executing his and Electoral Board certification of extracts and Certificates of Election on Friday, November 9, completing that function (following the Veterans' Day Holiday) at 1:13 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13.

The Electoral Board planned its next meeting for 2 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2018, in the Second Floor Conference Room in the Botetourt County Court House.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul E. Fitzgerald, Secretary