

# **A P P R O V E D**

## **BOTETOURT COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD**

### **M I N U T E S**

**JUNE 11-17, 2019**

This is a recordation of official activities of the Botetourt County Electoral Board in the period of Tuesday through Monday, June 11-17, 2019, regarding the Botetourt County Republican Party Primary Election of June 11, 2019. These actions are considered to be elements of a single topic and purpose, and, as such, are here treated as a Continued Meeting.

#### ***Tuesday, June 11, 2019—***

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 and the Centralized Absentee Voting Precinct. 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 precincts, which took place without a problem or incident.

#### ***Wednesday, June 7, 2019—***

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 10:40 a.m.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Heartwell, the Electoral Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2019.

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 was one provisional ballot, reported here without resolution, pending the subsequent noon-deadline on Friday, June 14 for ex-post-facto presentation of proper Voter Identification, and rendered moot following failure to meet that requirement.

The Vote Canvass was completed at 11:48 a.m.

Chairman Rader and Vice Chairman Heartwell individually certified Abstracts of Votes on Friday and Monday, June 14 and June 17. Secretary Fitzgerald executed his and Electoral Board certification of extracts and Certificates of Election on Friday, June 14.

The Electoral Board planned its next meeting for 2 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2019, in the Second Floor Conference Room in the Botetourt County Court House.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul E. Fitzgerald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul E. Fitzgerald, Secretary  
July 29, 2019