

BOTETOURT COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

MARCH 30, 2020

On March 30, 2020, at 2:00 pm, the Botetourt County Electoral Board met pursuant to notice of a regular meeting appropriately given. Because of the Declaration of Emergency issued by the Governor on March 12th, the Board met telephonically under the emergency provisions of sec. 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) of the Virginia Code. The Board concluded that it was unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location and that the only purpose of the meeting would be to address the Coronavirus emergency. All members and the Registrar were present. Arrangements for public access were made and no members of the public were present to listen in on the meeting.

On the motion of Secretary Heartwell the Board then unanimously approved the minutes of the meetings on March 17th and March 3rd.

At its meeting on March 17th the Board resolved to close the Registrar's office under certain conditions until the current date, March 30th. Following discussion, Secretary Heartwell moved that the Registrar's Office remain closed under the same conditions until such date as the County reopens the offices controlled by the County Administrator. The motion was passed as follows:

Chairman Rader	Aye
Vice Chairman Vaughn	Aye
Secretary Heartwell	Aye

The Registrar then alerted the Board to a number of problems created by the Covid 19 emergency which could impact the June primary, most significantly the understandable reluctance of many of the PEOs to work under the threat of contamination. The Board deferred action on the points raised pending direction from the state. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Buck Heartwell, Secretary