

# BOTETOURT COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

## November 4, 2020

On November 4, 2020 a post-election meeting of the Botetourt County Electoral Board was held in the Old District Court meeting room in Fincastle. All members were present, as was the GR/DOE, Traci Clark. Chairman John Rader called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Traci gave a brief report on the General Election which was held on the preceding day. Overall, the election was smooth and orderly, she said. Two scanners malfunctioned, but in each case a backup scanner was onsite, and voting was not delayed. Because of the high number of ballots cast by mail, and by early in-person voting, the CAP precinct had to process many more votes than it usually did. We might have to pre-process some of the CAP ballots in the future, Traci suggested.

Secretary Buck Heartwell reported on the election from the Board's perspective. He stated that he and John visited each precinct and did not observe any significant problems or irregularities. Vice Chairman Steve Vaughn was recuperating from surgery and did not participate.

Twenty seven (27) provisional ballots were cast in the election. The Board reviewed these and approved twenty six (26). The remaining ballot was rejected. Traci was directed to add these votes to the totals otherwise ascertained by the Board. Traci provided a summary of the candidates who received provisional votes and the precincts in which these votes were cast. This summary is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Board then proceeded to reconcile the digital readouts from the scanners with the Statement of Results which had been submitted by each precinct chief. No significant problems were found.

The next Board Meeting was set for Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, to process any ballots received by mail before noon on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The election abstracts would be ready for signatures on Tuesday.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Buck Heartwell, Secretary