

# **BOTETOURT COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD**

## **March 1, 2021**

On March 1, 2021, a regular meeting of the Botetourt County Electoral Board was held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room of the Botetourt County Circuit Courthouse in Fincastle. All members were present, as was Traci Clark, the GR/DOE. Chairman John Rader called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Vice Chairman Steve Vaughn moved for approval of the minutes from the meetings held on February 4, 2021 and February 25, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then took up its annual reorganization for the year ending on December 31, 2021. Following discussion, Steve moved for John to serve as Chairman, Buck to serve as Secretary, and himself to serve as Vice Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

Traci then reported that she had visited Colonial Baptist Church and spoken to the pastor about using their facility as a polling place in the Blue Ridge precinct. After meeting with the deacons the pastor was agreeable and Traci thought that the facility was appropriate in terms of space and location. The required public hearing could be held by the Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting later in March. Buck then moved that the Board recommend that the polling place for the Blue Ridge precinct be moved from the old Colonial Elementary School to the Colonial Baptist Church. The motion passed unanimously.

Traci then informed the Board that the party primaries would be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Democratic party would be using its primary to nominate candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, all members of the House of Delegates, and members of the various Boards of Supervisors. The Republican party would be using its primary for selection of House of Delegates candidates only. Their statewide candidates would be chosen at a convention, and the local candidates would be chosen at a firehouse primary. Traci also advised the Board of the various deadlines and Board responsibilities leading up to the primary.

Next, the Board considered a draft report to the State Board of Elections outlining our compliance with SBE's Minimum Security Standards. The Electoral Board approved and signed the report. Traci then gave the Board a report on some of the election law bills which were before the General Assembly this recently completed session.

The Board's FY 2022 budget would be presented by Traci to the County's Finance Committee on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Traci urged the Board members to attend if they could. The Board's next meeting would be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Buck Heartwell, Secretary