

BOTETOURT COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

June 9, 2021

On June 9, 2021, a post-election meeting of the Botetourt County Electoral Board was held in the Registrar's Office in Fincastle. All members of the Electoral Board were present, as was Traci Clark, the GR/DOE. Chairman John Rader called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Vice Chairman Steve Vaughn then moved to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2021 meeting of the Board which had been previously submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Traci then gave the Board a brief report on the Democratic primary, which had been held on the preceding day: Tuesday, June 8th. The total number of votes cast was 1,079. This included 185 early absentee votes and 4 hand counted votes of overseas members of the military. Traci said that there were no problems in the conduct of the election. Secretary Buck Heartwell added that the Board had visited every precinct during the day and that no problems were reported or observed.

At this time Traci asked the Board to go into closed session to consider two provisional ballots which had been cast during the election. Buck made the motion to do so pursuant to sec. 24.2-653.01(B) of the Code. After approximately 20 minutes, the Board returned to open session. The Board then took a roll call vote certifying that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open

meeting requirements and (2) only such matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session, were heard, discussed or considered. Buck then moved that the votes of provisional voter No. 1 be added to the totals previously reported. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then proceeded to canvass the votes by comparing the totals in the Statement of Results as tabulated in each precinct with the totals shown on the digital tape produced by the voting machines. The figures reconciled perfectly.

Finally, Traci updated the Board on new laws and policies and other matters of interest to the election community.

The Board then agreed to meet next on Friday, June 11th to see whether there were any other votes which had been legally cast and to approve the results of the election. The meeting was then adjourned.

Buck Heartwell