

A P P R O V E D

BOTETOURT COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2016

The Botetourt County Electoral Board met on Thursday, October 6 15, 2016, in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Botetourt County Court House in Fincastle, Virginia. Vice Chairman Heartwell and Secretary Fitzgerald were present. Director of Elections and General Registrar (DoE/GR) Traci Clark also was present. The DoE/GR provided a detailed agenda with supporting information packet.

In the absence of Chairman Rader, Vice Chairman Heartwell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes reflecting the actions of the Electoral Board during the meeting on September 15, 2016, were unanimously approved as submitted.

The DoE/GR reported 523 Absentee Voting Applications (9 annual, 34 FPCA/FWAB (military and civilians outside the United States), and 480 regular—108 of them in person) were processed through October 5.

The Electoral Board was informed by the DoE/GR that at least 11 Precinct Election Officials (PEOs) have been assigned to each precinct, except for 10 at Eagle Rock, and that the total volunteers on the rosters is 146. Specialized PEO training sessions are planned for 6:30 p. m. at the Fincastle Baptist Church on October 20, 25, 27, and November 3. The offices of the Botetourt County Department of Elections will be open on Saturday, October 29, and Saturday, November 5, for in-person absentee voting. The supply of ballots arrived October 5, and the packing of the precinct equipment/security carts continues.

The Electoral Board was advised by the DoE/GR that “well over 100 applications, some days close to 200, voter registration applications are being received per day through DMV, with a high volume of duplications (voter already registered).” Since September 2 there has been a net gain of 188 in voter registrations.

Ongoing challenges associated with the VERIS voter database were discussed.

The Electoral Board was informed that the DoE/GR had declined, based on polling location sizes and space availability, a request from Judicial Watch regarding Neutral Observers.

The next meeting of the Electoral Board was set for 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2016, in the Second Floor Conference of the Court House. The Canvass of Votes for the November 8, 2016 General Election is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul E. Fitzgerald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "P".

Paul E. Fitzgerald, Secretary

October 20, 2016