

A P P R O V E D

BOTETOURT COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2016

The Botetourt County Electoral Board met on Thursday, October 20, 2016, in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Botetourt County Court House in Fincastle, Virginia. Chairman John Rader, Vice Chairman William L. Heartwell, III, and Secretary Paul E. 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. Chairman Rader called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes reflecting the actions of the Electoral Board during the meeting on October 6, 2016, were unanimously approved as submitted.

The DoE/GR reported 920 Absentee Ballot Applications as of 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, and 309 in-person absentee voters since September 23, 2016. All Precinct Election Officials (PEOs) positions have been filled. Specialized PEO training sessions were scheduled to begin later that day at 6:30 p. m. at the Fincastle Baptist Church, with subsequent sessions on October 25, 27, and November 3. The packing of the precinct equipment/security carts continues.

The Electoral Board was advised by the DoE/GR that notice had been received of the order by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia extending voter registration for the General Election to Friday, October 21, at 11:59 p.m. online or postmarked by October 21, 2016.

It was noted that the total number of registered voters in Botetourt County reflects a net increase of 1,009, from 23,163 on August 11, 2015, to 24,172 on October 20, 2016.

The next meeting of the Electoral Board was set for 6:30 a.m. on Election Day, November 8, 2016, in the offices of the Botetourt County Department of Elections and Voter Registration. 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 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Paul E. Fitzgerald, Secretary