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BOTETOURT COUNTY
ELECTORAL BOARD

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NOVEMBER 8-14, 2016

This is a recordation of official activities of the Botetourt County Electoral Board from Tuesday, November 8, 2016, through Monday, November 14, 2016, regarding the General Election of November 8, 2016.

Tuesday, November 8, 2016—

Chairman Rader and Vice Chairman Heartwell met at 6:30 a.m. in the facilities provided for the Department of Elections and Voter Registration on Court House Square in Fincastle, Virginia, to begin an inspection and liaison tour of the ten sited voting precincts in Botetourt County. This was accomplished, beginning with the Eagle Rock Precinct and ending with the Fincastle Precinct. No significant problems were encountered. Concurrently, Secretary Fitzgerald was assigned to maintain ready response availability if required at the Department's offices.

Following the closing of the polls, Chairman Rader and Vice Chairman Heartwell monitored the return of precinct equipment and materials to the Department of Elections and Voter Registration facilities.

Wednesday, June 15, 2016—

Chairman Rader, Vice Chairman Heartwell, and Secretary Fitzgerald, assisted by the Director of Elections and General Registrar (DoE/GR) Traci Clark, met in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Botetourt County Court House in Fincastle, Virginia, to canvass the vote. Benton Bolton, the representative of the Botetourt County Democratic Party, also was present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

The Electoral Board took note of, and commented upon, the fact that 18,798 of Botetourt County's 24,277 voters—a 77.4 percent turnout—voted in this general election. It is believed that this is the highest total vote ever recorded in the county, and that it was accommodated without disruption, distraction, or difficulty.

The Electoral Board members described the performance of the Precinct Election Officials (PEOs), the Department of Elections staff, and, especially, Director of Elections and Voter Registration Traci Clark, as “marvelous” and “impressive” and “unprecedented.”

In the course of the discussion, it was pointed out that more than 1,000 new registered voters had been added in Botetourt County during the first year of her tenure. The Electoral Board also noted that the morale, enthusiasm, and numbers of the PEO roster appeared to be at an all-time high.

The Provisional Ballot review process was initiated concurrently with the Vote Canvass.

The Vote Canvass was completed at 2:08 p.m. and the meeting was continued until noon on Monday, November 14, 2016, at the Department’s offices.

Monday, November 14, 2016—

Chairman Rader, Vice Chairman Heartwell, and Secretary Fitzgerald met at noon in the Department’s offices for the purpose of reviewing and certifying the official Abstracts of Voting.

Since the deadline for the submission of proper identification in connection with 20 Provisional Ballots cast in this election expired concurrently with the beginning of this session, the Electoral Board proceeded to complete the Provisional Ballot review process that had begun in the Electoral Board session on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

The following Provisional Ballots were considered and acted upon individually, with the Electoral Board’s unanimous action stated in capital letters as the last word in the summary paragraph—

—Mill Creek Precinct, Tessa Ann Blair, absentee ballot not utilized, ACCEPTED;

—Mill Creek Precinct, Isaac Noah Underwood, inadequate identification, DENIED;

—Fincastle Precinct, Ashley Nicole Lee, absentee ballot not utilized, ACCEPTED;

—Fincastle Precinct, Hannah Elaine Whitt, absentee ballot not utilized, ACCEPTED;

—Fincastle Precinct, Benjamin Wayne Smith, absentee ballot not utilized, ACCEPTED;

—Fincastle Precinct, Melissa Ann Burton Wright, absentee ballot not utilized, ACCEPTED;

—Fincastle Precinct, Tori Reann Robertson, absentee ballot not utilized, ACCEPTED;

—Fincastle Precinct, Samantha Rae Hufford, absentee ballot not utilized, ACCEPTED;

—Fincastle Precinct, Maellen Rebecca Mabes, absentee ballot not utilized, ACCEPTED;

—Buchanan Precinct, Loretta Washington Crump, inadequate identification, DENIED;

—Buchanan Precinct, Madison Olivia Krepps, registered in Fairfax County, DENIED;

—Buchanan Precinct, Jesse Marcus Stein, inadequate identification, DENIED;

—Cloverdale Precinct, Mersiha Sejtanic, data entry error/street name inconsistency, ACCEPTED;

—Greenfield Precinct, James Robert Walter, registered/inactive in Roanoke County, DENIED;

—Blue Ridge Precinct, Philip John Walker, registered in Cloverdale Precinct, DENIED;

—Blue Ridge Precinct, Franklin Alonzo Marley, Jr., registration cancelled in 2013, DENIED;

—Blue Ridge Precinct, Donna Lynn Fitzgerald, registration from Bedford County/met deadline, ACCEPTED;

—Troutville Precinct, Karen Elizabeth LaRue, registration not processed properly at DMV, ACCEPTED;

—Eagle Rock Precinct, Douglas Lee West, not registered, DENIED; and

—Rainbow Forest Precinct, Alton Rabian Coffey, inadequate identification, DENIED.

Certification of the Voting Abstracts was authorized, and completed at 12:47 p.m.

The next meeting of the Electoral Board is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2016, in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Botetourt County Court House.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul E. Fitzgerald, Secretary

December 7, 2016