

Brunswick County Electoral Board Meeting

January 12, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am in attendance were:
Wally Sayko, Chairman
Gilbert Benjamin, Secretary
Monica McMillan, Newly appointed Board Member
David Clary, Registrar
Cyliene Montgomery, Chairwoman, Brunswick County Democratic Committee
Gwendolyn McMillan, President of NAACP Brunswick County

Adopt Agenda: Mr. Sayko made a motion to accept the agenda, second by Ms. McMillan and the motion carried.

Adopt Minutes: Mr. Sayko made a motion to accept the Nov. 4, 2020 Canvass minutes, second by Mr. Benjamin and the motion carried.

Welcome New Electoral Board Member: Mr. Sayko welcomed Monica McMillan to EB. Mr. Sayko explained why each EB member holds the office that they do according to the Virginia Code. He then made a motion for him to be Chairman, Mr. Benjamin to be Secretary and Ms. McMillan to be Vice Chairman and asked if the Secretary and Vice Chair wanted to switch positions. There was not a second and the motion was not considered. Ms. Montgomery reminded Mr. Sayko that the code says that the Chair should be a Democrat, the Vice Chair should be a Democrat and the Secretary should be a Republican. Mr. Sayko said his term ends on December 31, 2021 and he does not see a need for a change in leadership. Mr. Benjamin made a motion for Ms. McMillan to be Chair, second by Ms. McMillan. Discussion, Mr. Sayko stated that he had to be Chair because he was refusing to be the Secretary. Cyliene Montgomery let the Board know that in accordance with the Virginia Code Mr. Sayko does not have to be Secretary he could decline which would allow the Secretary and the Chair to be of the same political party. After the discussion, the motion for Ms. McMillan to be Chair carried. Because Mr. Sayko declined the Secretary position, Ms. McMillan made a motion for Mr. Benjamin to be Secretary, second by Mr. Benjamin and the motion carried.

Ms. McMillan asked Mr. Sayko if he would give the EB a letter stating he declined the Secretary position.

OLD BUSINESS

Review and Update Officer of Election Worksheet: Mr. Sayko recommended that we review the Officers of Election work sheets. Mr. Benjamin agreed said he would make necessary changes. Mr. Benjamin stated that all precincts need to be restructured to be in compliance with State code.

Address any issues from Nov Election/Early Voting/Training: Mr. Sayko stated that early voting will take place during this voting season and we need to do early preparation. Mr. Clary said training of Officers of election would continue as done in the past. Mr. Sayko stated that Mr. Clary provided a great service to the early voting, but it is not his responsibility to provide coverage for those individuals who are late, that leave early or who fail to show up for work.

Order Supplies Upcoming Election: The Board discussed the need to inventory and reorder supplies for upcoming elections. Along with the PPEs, 24 traffic cones, curb side voting signs, voting signs and other supplies are needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Reorganization of EB: Already addressed.

Secretary Report to Elect Changes: Mr. Sayko stated that the Secretary needed to report changes to EB to the Virginia EB. Mr. Clary handed out copies of 2021 Virginia election and to prepare for the changes that may come our way from the State.

Mr. Sayko recommended that early voting schedule should for 8 hours with a ½ hour for lunch.

Mr. Sayko gave a break down cost of pay for Officer of Election for early voting in June primary and November election. The board made recommendation to

increase Officers of Election pay by \$10.00. Mr. Benjamin made a motion to raise pay, second by Mr. Sayko the motion carried.

The budget was presented to EB and revealed that we are giving the State back \$42.138. Mr. Clary stated that Cares Act funds could have been used for Registrar and EB stipend or salary. The 2021 budget is due to Keli Reeks office by February 5, 2021. The EB agreed to share information and approve budget electronically.

Next EB meeting is scheduled for Feb. 9, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am
Submitted on January 15, 2021
Gilbert J. Benjamin, Secretary-EB