

Talbot County Board of Elections Meeting, June 11, 2014, 142 N. Harrison St., Easton, MD

Attendees:

Board Members: Susan McKinnon (D), President

Joe Secrist (R),

Mary-Beth Goll (D), Substitute Member

Staff: Patti Mitchell, Election Director

Public: None

Ms. McKinnon opened the meeting at 9:43. Minutes were approved with these corrections: Ms. Mitchell's title is Election Director and Mr. Secrist moved that (paragraph 2 under Judges training) the word removing be changed to vetoing. Motion passed.

Old Business: Election Judges: Ms. Mitchell needs nine more judges who will be trained on June 17. Phil Foster is helping find judges.

Early Voting: starts tomorrow, June 12 and goes through June 19. It will be set up in a classroom on the side of the Easton fire house's engine room. Signage and cones will direct voters to the area. Voting hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Judges may work half day shifts. Mr. Secrist moved that the board approve the list of early voting judges. Ms. Goll seconded; motion passed 3-0.

New Business: Election Day June 24: Ms. Mitchell asked if board members wanted to be present at opening and closing of polls. They agreed and will bring back chief and provisional judges' bags and poll books to the election office at the end of the day. Ms. Mitchell will send a list of polling place assignments to the board members.

She noted that there will be no runners this election day, but 8 technicians and Jim Buttes, county voting machine technician, will be present at polling places. Ms. Mitchell will train several people to complete evaluations and will ask board members if needed.

Specimen ballots were mailed to registered voters on June 9; some were damaged in the mail.

Voting and Canvass Schedule: June 12-June 19: Early voting daily, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

June 24: Primry election, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

June 26: Absentee Canvass 1 – 9:30 p.m.

July 2: Provisional Ballot Canvass – 9:30 a.m.

July 7: Absentee Canvass 2 – 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Mitchell will post canvass times in the front window of the election board office and on the web site. Board members must go to the court house to be sworn in by Clerk of Court, Mary Ann Shortall or her assistant for the canvass by June 24.

After discussion, Mrs. Goll moved and Mr. Secrist seconded that the regular election board meeting be held right eafter the July 7 canvass is completed. Motion passed, 3-0.

Ms. Goll noted that an insert with corrections to the League of Women Voters' Guide was placed in yesterday's paper.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Beth Goll, recorder

