

Minutes

Talbot County Board of Elections
215 Bay Street
Easton, MD 21601
April 18, 2018

Present:

Board

Joseph H. Secrist, President	(R)
Richard B. Bulman	(R)
Susan MacKinnon	(D)
Wadella Thomas	(R)
Walter W. Black	(D)

Staff

Jeri Cook, Election Director

Public

Walt Johnson
Lucy Bond (MCTV Videographer)

The monthly meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections was held on April 18, 2018 in Conference Room # One at the Board office indicated above. Mr. Secrist called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Secrist noted that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2018

Mr. Secrist asked if the Board had any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2018, a copy of which had been forwarded to the Board Members in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly made (Mr. Bulman) and seconded (Mr. Black), the minutes for March 27, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda

No additions to the agenda were offered. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made (Mr. Black) and seconded (Ms. Thomas) and approved unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Election Director's Report

Ms. Cook reported on the following topics:

Voter Notification Cards – The format of the cards regarding the identification of polling places has been corrected where 2 locations, if applicable to the voter, are identified to clarify that one is for state elections and one is for municipal elections.

Voter Outreach – Staff went to the Neighborhood Service Center and held a voter outreach where there were now voter registrations and potential election judge candidates.

Judge Training – Training is going very well.

Open House – An open house will be held Saturday June 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for those election judges interested in more training.

Police Patrol Checks – Ms. Cook has contacted all police departments in the county to request patrol checks of polling places during early voting and on election day.

Greeters – We received a letter from the State Administrator stating that since we had such a large turnout at the 2016 early voting, they will be sending greeters for early voting.

Precinct Line Correction – There have been no calls from voters regarding the Voter Registration Cards sent to those affected by the correction of the precinct line affecting Districts 1 and 3.

Board Attorney Report

Mr. Cronan had no report.

Old Business

Review Invoices

No issues were raised regarding the invoices.

Approval of Election Judges

Ms. Cook provided the Board with her suggested list of Election Judges. Mr. Secrist asked about the need to have the required balance by political party with regard to the assignment of judges, as well as the number of judges assigned to polling places when compared to the number of registered voters assigned to that polling place. Prior to the meeting, Ms. Cook provided Mr. Secrist with a revised list of assignments. Discussion followed regarding the need to address the issues raised by Mr. Secrist, the possibility that some proposed judges may not complete the required training and the expectation that additional judge candidates may be identified.

Mr. Bulman suggested that, since the other Board Members have not seen the revised list of judge candidate and since their proposed assignments may need to be changed as a result of the uncertainties mentioned above, the Board consider approving the list as provided to the entire Board with the understanding that Ms. Cook will return to the next Board meeting with a proposed revision addressing Mr. Secrist's concerns and any changes in the available candidates.

Mr. Bulman then moved to approve the proposed list of judges as presented to the Board. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Budget FY2018

Copies of the year to date expenditures versus budget were provided to the Board Members. No comments were made.

Budget FY2019

Mr. Secrist reported that the county has revised our proposed budget by adding a line item for rent of the office and warehouse space in the amount of \$17,200. There also appears to be a double entry for salaries for the Board of Canvassers. A follow up with the county was requested.

County Bulletins

Ms. Cook provided the Board with the latest copy of the County Bulletin dated April 13, 2018.

Customer Satisfaction Survey

No surveys were submitted since the last Board meeting.

New Business

Visit Warehouse

Since most of the Board member will see the warehouse when they attend election judge training, Mr. Black moved that the visit planned for this meeting be postponed. Ms. MacKinnon seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Supply Verification

Supply Verification is to be performed by a team of Board members from each of the major parties. It does not need to be completed until the end of May. The sense of the Board was to defer discussion until the next meeting.

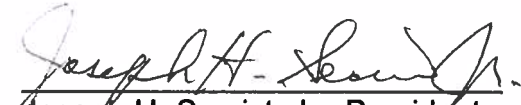
Confirmation of next meeting – May 16, 2018

Mr. Secrist noted that the next Board meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on May 16, 2018 at the Board offices.

Adjournment

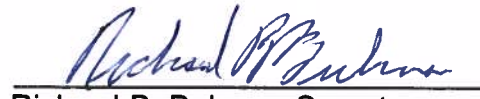
Mr. Black moved the meeting be adjourned. Ms. MacKinnon seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Attested,



Joseph H. Secrist, Jr., President

Respectfully submitted,



Richard B. Bulman, Secretary