

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

Minutes

August 20, 2020

The meeting was held at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street in Christiansburg, and was called to order at 10:00 am. All Board members were present. Registrar Viar was in attendance.

Secretary Williams moved to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2020 meeting. Vice-Chairman Sills seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

The Board welcomed Chief Officer Melissa Wright. Ms. Wright spoke about her experiences serving as Chief Officer at polling places located in public schools and in churches in Montgomery County.

The Board discussed updates to the basic training presentation due to changes in election law. Vice-Chairman Sills recommended making changes to the check-in procedure for curbside voters to encourage proper flagging of curbside voters in the electronic pollbooks.

Secretary Williams moved to approve a policy to allow electronic participation in a meeting by a Board member. The Board voted to approve the policy after incorporating changes in language proposed by Vice-Chairman Sills.

Secretary Williams presented a contingency plan in progress for utilizing fewer facilities as polling places should the COVID-19 pandemic lead to a closure of facilities or a decrease in Officers of Election available to serve.

Registrar Viar presented her report. A member of the Board of Supervisors was interested in having a satellite voting location within the Town of Blacksburg, but Ms. Viar noted that there was insufficient equipment to support a third in-person absentee voting location. Registrar Viar also reported that Blacksburg's recent ban on gatherings of more than fifty people would not apply to polling places on Election Day.

The Board agreed that local high school students may serve as Election Pages for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm.

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Marshall D. Dowdy  
Chairman

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John A. Sills  
Vice-Chairman

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Carroll D. Williams  
Secretary