

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

Minutes

November 4 - 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm on November 4th at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street in Christiansburg. All Board members were present.

Vice-Chairman John Sills moved to approve the agenda. Secretary Carroll Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Sills moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting. Chairman Richard Langford seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

Roanoke Times reporter Mike Gangloff joined the meeting at 1:10 pm and departed after approximately 15 minutes.

The Board began the canvass of the November 3, 2020 General Election. Statements of Results were reviewed. Printout tapes, ancillary forms, and statement entries were compared for accuracy. Signatures of Officers of Election were confirmed.

At Precinct A-1 a marked ballot was found in the sealed ballot bag used to accept completed absentee ballots dropped at the polling place. Mr. Langford moved that the Board not count the ballot. Mr. Sills seconded the motion. Ms. Williams argued against the motion, noting the Chief Officer's support of counting the ballot. The vote was two in favor of the motion and one against. The motion passed and the ballot was not counted.

At 2:10 pm, Registrar Connie Viar joined the meeting and reported that her research on the 146 provisional ballots cast on Election Day was not complete. The Board agreed to postpone the provisional ballot meeting until November 5th. The Board returned to the canvass at 2:18 pm and recessed for the day at 4:19 pm.

The Board reconvened the canvass meeting at 9:30 am on Thursday, November 5th. All Board members were in attendance. Registrar Viar joined the meeting at 2:00 pm. The Board chose to defer the start of the provisional ballot meeting until Friday, November 6th in order to continue its review of the results for the Central Absentee Precinct (CAP). The Board recessed the canvass at 3:25 pm.

The Board convened the provisional ballot meeting in open session at 9:02 am on Friday, November 6th. All Board members and Registrar Viar were present. Ms. Viar presented her research on the provisional ballots cast during the November 3, 2020 election. Of the 146 provisional ballots, the Board voted to approve 112. The remaining 34 ballots were not counted. Two voters were found to be registered in a different precinct. 23 voters were found to be registered in a different Virginia locality. Six voters were found not to be registered in Virginia. One voter did not provide identification before the deadline. One voter was found to have already cast a ballot during the absentee voting period. One voter did not properly complete the provisional ballot affidavit. The Board opened the envelopes, shuffled the ballots, and tallied the votes. The results were entered on the Provisional Precinct Statement of Results.

The Board reconvened the canvass on Monday, November 9th at 9:00 am and reviewed the CAP Statement of Results for completed absentee ballots dropped at the polling places on Election Day and for absentee ballots received in accordance with the Code of Virginia Section 24.2-709 by the November 6th deadline.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am on Monday, November 9th.

Richard D. Langford
Chairman

John A. Sills
Vice-Chairman

Carroll D. Williams
Secretary