

The Northampton County Electoral Board met on Thursday, August 1, 2019, in the Voter Registration Office in Eastville.

PRESENT: Ralph Orzo, Chair
JoAnn Clark, Vice Chair
Joanne Fitchett, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 11:06 A.M. Ralph Orzo, Chair, made the invocation.

The minutes of the Electoral Board meeting held on Thursday, July 11, 2019, having been reviewed by the board were approved and signed.

Board and registrar discussed the ballot order for the November 5, 2019, General and special Elections. After looking at historical turnout data from the past two similar elections, Board directed the registrar to order 3,100 copies of ballot style one for Districts 1, 2 and 3; 350 copies of ballot style two for the Town of Cheriton; 1,250 copies of ballot style three for District 4; and 1,100 copies of ballot style four for District 5. 5,800 ballots were ordered for the election with 500 to be used for absentee voting. Motion was made to order the above amount with the understanding that we order more on a contingency basis judging the absentee turnout by the Chair, seconded by the Vice Chair. Motion was unanimously approved.

Board completed the Registrar's annual evaluation with higher than satisfactory marks.

Board and registrar discussed the ongoing preparatory efforts being made for the implementation of no excuse early voting for the November, 2020, Presidential Election. The office layout was changed to provide a better voter flow and accommodate more absentee voters. The idea is to test the new layout and other future adaptations in coming elections so we are as prepared as possible for November 2020.

Board adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Board unanimously agreed to meet again at 10:30, September 5.

JoAnne Fitchett, Secretary
