

The Northampton County Electoral Board met on Thursday, April 23, 2020, in the Voter Registration Office in Eastville.

PRESENT: JoAnn Clark, Chair  
JoAnne Fitchett, Vice Chair-Via teleconference  
Ralph Orzo, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:33 A.M. Ralph Orzo made the invocation.

The minutes of the Electoral Board meeting on March 4, 2020 having been reviewed by the Board were approved and signed.

Board and registrar discussed the ballot order for the June 23 Republican Primary. After looking at historical turnout data from similar elections, Board directed the registrar to order 800 ballots to be used for absentee voting, and 1000 ballots to be used for Election Day. 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 Secretary. Motion was unanimously approved.

Board and registrar discussed the May 5, Town elections. First, Board approved the Officers of Election. The Exmore precinct will be staffed by Connie Imler, Chief; Tress Parks, Assistant Chief; and Ann Snyder, Officer. The cape Charles precinct will be staffed by Al Paschall, Chief; Bill Dyas, Assistant Chief; and Cora Ann Johnston. Much discussion centered on a new voting protocol that ensures social distancing. Each precinct will employ a "one voter at a time" method wherein only one voter will be allowed in the polling place at a time with efforts to sanitize the area after each voter. In order to decrease as much in-precinct voting as possible, the Voter Registration staff will continue to encourage mail-in absentee voting. Finally, Board and registrar planned the Officer training to be focused on the new precinct protocol and other steps we can take to ensure the safety of our voters and officers. Please note that these plans were for the election to occur on May 5; however, the election has since been moved to May 23, and the same protocols will be in place.

Board adjourned the meeting at 12:35 a.m. after unanimously agreeing to meet again at 10:30, April 6, 2020, for the Canvass of the May 5 Town Elections. That meeting has since been moved to Thursday, May 7 because the election was moved to May 19.

After the meeting was adjourned, Board and registrar conducted L&A testing on the May Towns equipment.

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Ralph Orzo, Secretary

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