

The Northampton County Electoral Board met on Thursday, May 7, 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 10:35 A.M. Ralph Orzo made the invocation.

The minutes of the Electoral Board meeting on April 23, 2020 having been reviewed by the Board were approved and signed.

Board and registrar discussed final preparations for the May 19th, 2020, Town Elections in Exmore and Cape Charles. Registrar reported that he felt we had sufficient Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), but more would always help. Board thought that signage about the new social distancing requirements would also help voters. Registrar updated Board that ESO sent override instructions for the OVO's because the date of the election has been changed and the machines will not open to any day other than the election. Board decided that it would be more secure to open and close the machines ourselves, so we will go out in teams on Election Day to Cape Charles and Exmore respectively.

Board and registrar then discussed the upcoming June Republican Primary. We will continue to employ the same one voter at a time protocol in the precincts. The office will also send postcards to all registered Northampton voters encouraging them to vote by mail for the election.

Board adjourned the meeting at 12:35 a.m. after unanimously agreeing to meet again at 10:30, May 20, 2020, for the Canvass of the May 19 Town Elections.

After the meeting was adjourned, Board and registrar conducted L&A testing on the absentee equipment for the June 23rd Republican Primary.

Ralph Orzo, Secretary
