

The Northampton County Electoral Board met on Wednesday, August 6, 2020, in the Voter Registration Office in Eastville.

PRESENT: JoAnn Clark, Chair
JoAnne Fitchett, Vice Chair-VIA conference call
Ralph Orzo, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 11:23 A.M. Ralph Orzo made the invocation.

The minutes of the Electoral Board meeting on July 8, 2020 having been reviewed by the Board were approved and signed.

Board and registrar discussed the ballot order for the November 3, 2020, General and Special Election. There was discussion concluding that turnout would be very high, so Board unanimously agreed that Northampton would order ballots equal to 100% of its voting population. The registrar was directed to have the details of the order ready for the next meeting.

Registrar reported that Northampton was allotted a \$50,764 share of the CARES grant received by ELECT. Registrar detailed to Board that the bulk of the funds would be used to 1) equip and staff the in-person absentee voting station in the office, 2) fund the informational post card being mailed out and other postage expenses incurred by absentee voting, and 3) provide personal protective equipment at the polls on Election Day. Board specifically asked about protective plexiglass shields for all precincts.

Registrar updated Board concerning the informational post card being mailed to voters. Cards are being mailed to all voters in Northampton providing information about absentee voting by mail and in person; important election dates and deadlines; and the office's contact information.

Board and registrar discussed registrar's annual performance review, which Board discussed and completed prior to the meeting.

Board adjourned the meeting at 12.30 a.m. after unanimously agreeing to meet again at 10:30, September 3, 2020.

Ralph Orzo, Secretary
