

The Northampton County Electoral Board met on Thursday, September 3, 2020, in the Voter Registration Office in Eastville.

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:36 A.M. Ralph Orzo made the invocation.

The minutes of the Electoral Board meeting on August 6, 2020 having been reviewed by the Board were approved and signed.

Board and registrar reviewed the ballot order for the November 3, 2020, General and Special Election. It was determined by unanimous vote that Northampton would order ballots equaling 100% of its voting population, 9,287 voters, with additional ballots for Federal Only and Presidential Only voters. After rounding some totals to the nearest 10<sup>th</sup>, the totals are: 8,300 All County ballots, 400 Cheriton ballots, 250 Eastville ballots, 350 Nassawadox ballots, 20 Federal Only ballots, and 10 Presidential Only ballots for a grand total of 9,330 ballots for 9,287 voters.

Registrar updated Board on CARES spending. So far, \$29,263 has been spent out of the fund.

Registrar updated Board on the Officers of Election roster. Recruiting has been very good with many new people offering to work the election. Registrar will have completed list and precinct assignments for the October meeting.

Registrar and Board discussed the schedule for September. Logic and Accuracy testing on CAP equipment will be September 11. Absentee voting will begin September 18.

Registrar and Board discussed recent legislation affecting the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Election. Special legislation was passed concerning absentee voting: no witness will be required on Envelope B; postage will be supplied on the absentee return envelope; voters will be able to "cure" any mistakes on their Envelope B; and ballots that are postmarked on Election Day will still be counted as long as they arrive by noon on the Friday after the election.

Board and Registrar also discussed whether we should wait for a ruling in the Kanye West Ballot Access case before ordering ballots. Concern was voiced that if we waited too long, we may have to hold up L&A testing for the CAP equipment, which would cause delays in other areas. There was agreement that we would like the most correct ballot to avoid voter confusion. Registrar was directed to wait until the end of the day, September 3, to see if there was a ruling and to proceed accordingly. Also discussed was the lawsuit concerning Constitutional Amendment 1 and whether that would affect the ballot order. There was agreement that since this lawsuit had no immediate resolution date, we would order ballots in a timely manner.

Board adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. after unanimously agreeing to meet again at 10:30, October 1, 2020.

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Ralph Orzo, Secretary

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