

James City County Electoral Board

Meeting of Wednesday, July 11, 2017
Building Conference Room
Office of the General Registrar, 5300 Palmer Lane

Tom Gee, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Others attending were Jack Edwards, Secretary; Dianna Moorman, General Registrar and Director of Elections; and Shiela Lohr, Assistant Registrar.

1. The minutes for May 10 and June 14-16 were approved.

2. **Polling place in Jamestown C** There was a lengthy discussion of the polling place for Jamestown C, continuing earlier discussions. Facilities at Upward Church have not always been satisfactory to the Church and the County. There are options in that district, but none of the available ones are attractive at this point. There was agreement that the best course of action at this time is to work with Upward to develop a better situation for both the County and the Church. That may include things such as augmenting the available lighting. Dianna Moorman will take the lead in working with Upward Church. Consideration of venues for elections beyond 2017 will depend on how things go this year, and consequently will be left to a later time.

3. **Purchase of new voting machines** While the Board has previously discussed aspects of the purchase of new voting machines, the formal discussion of process and outcomes began at this meeting. The following was agreed to as a desirable target:

August 8 regular meeting: Preliminary discussion of goals and which vendors are most likely to meet those goals.

About August 24: Presentation by principal vendors (they will be in Williamsburg for the VRAV meeting just prior to that time). This would be an opportunity for staff, technicians, and selected chiefs, as well as Board members, to ask questions.

Special meeting, perhaps August 29, devoted solely to full consideration of the machine purchase. The goal would be to develop a clear consensus at that time.

September 12 regular meeting: Formal approval of a resolution, making a recommendation to the County.

4. **Ballot order for November** Ballots need to be ordered quite early to make sure they are obtained in a timely and convenient manner. Everyone agreed that we definitely do not want to run out of ballots, though there were different opinions about what number

would ensure that. After some discussion, the Board agreed on a number equivalent to 65 percent of total registered voters. That number is rounded upward depending on the number of voters in each precinct. Once those computations are made, Dianna Moorman will inform the Board of the final number and percentage.

5. General Registrar update Dianna Moorman updated the Board on plans for the November election, as well as continuing development as the staff settles in at the Palmer Lane location.

The board adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Jack Edwards, Secretary