

James City County Electoral Board
Emergency Meeting, Telephone Conference Call
Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Tom Gee, Chair, called the emergency meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. The primary purposes of the meeting were an update on emergency planning for the Juneteenth Holiday just declared by Governor Northam and election planning necessitated by the pandemic. Others participating in the meeting were Perry DePue, Vice Chair; Kay Cheves, Secretary; Dianna Moorman, Director of Elections/General Registrar; and Shiela Lohr, Deputy Director of Elections.

- All jurisdictions in the area have opted to be closed on Friday, June 19, for the Juneteenth Holiday.
- This presents a problem for the Office because we need to be open for 45 days prior to an election.
- Since it is 46 days before the election, we could be closed IF we had advertised we would be closed; however, the decision to close was just made yesterday and there is no time to advertise.
- The Office will be open for voters on Saturday and there are still preparations to make.
- The Voter Registration Offices in the City of Williamsburg and York County will be open on Friday. James City staff members want to stay open.
- **MOTION:** Mr. DePue moved the James City County Office of Voter Registration and Elections stay open on the Juneteenth Holiday. Ms. Cheves seconded the motion that passed by unanimous vote.
- Securing lighting outside the Office is still a concern and a safety issue, especially in the upcoming November election when the sun sets earlier than in March or June. EB members reiterated their support for obtaining outside lighting for the building as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Cheves, Secretary