

## **Roanoke County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 13, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM

900 Chestnut St. Vinton, VA 24079

Chair: Ken Srpan

Vice Chair: Jeff Krasnow

Secretary: Gailen Miles

Board Attendance Request:

Gailen Miles	Anna Cloeter
Ken Srpan	Jeff Krasnow

Visitors: Jean Holzinger, Carol Rowan, Sam Putney

1. Call to Order: 1:00 PM
2. Welcome and Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: Reviewed and approved minutes for September 1, 2021
4. Agenda
  - a. Preparations for the upcoming election.
    - i. As of Friday, September 10, 2021, 1,500 absentee ballots had been mailed.
    - b. Mr. Krasnow made the motion that the Brambleton Satellite be open for two weeks instead of one, that both the Vinton and Brambleton stations be open on Sunday October 24, 2021, and both locations be open until 9:00 PM on Friday, October 29.
      - i. Mrs. Miles seconded the motion and Mr. Srpan opened the motion for discussion.
      - ii. Mr. Srpan noted that on April 8, 2021, the Board had passed the motion there would be no Sunday voting.
      - iii. Mr. Krasnow stated that those two additional opportunities, one Sunday and one late night, would give us an idea of the interest the public has in that type of additional voting opportunity. He also noted that the state has put significant emphasis on Sunday voting.
      - iv. Mrs. Miles was concerned that having only one Sunday open and one night open late would largely go unnoticed by the public regardless of how it was advertized and therefore give a false reading on public interest.
      - v. Ms. Cloeter reported that there isn't enough time to let voters know about these two extra opportunities and suggested that we poll other districts which are installing Sunday voting to see if that increased their overall voting percentage.
      - vi. Mr. Srpan called for a vote.
        1. The motion received a unanimous no vote.
      - vii. Mr. Krasnow made a new motion to have the Brambleton satellite open for two weeks instead of one, the week of October 18, 2021 through October 22, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, October 23, 9 AM to 5 PM, and October 25, 2021 to October 29 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, plus Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at both the Vinton and Brambleton locations.
        1. Mrs. Miles seconded the motion.
        2. Mr. Srpan called for a vote
        3. The motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Chair's Report: no report
  - d. Director's Report:
    - i. Ms. Cloeter stated that opening the Brambleton satellite for two weeks was in the budget. However, because both locations would be serving multiple polling districts two staff members, with

experience with VERIS, and a minimum of two Officers of Election will be required to staff both locations. This would put the Vinton office down by two staffers for those two weeks just prior to Election Day.

- ii. Ms. Cloeter reported we have received remote bell systems to use to alert Officers of Election there are voters at curbside. Additional signage will be needed instructing curbside voters to use the bell.
- 5. Public Comment: The visitors were very enthusiastic to learn about the use of the curbside bell.
- 6. Next Meeting: Canvass of Results meetings are scheduled for November 3, 2021 at 1:00 PM, November 5, 2021 at noon, and November 8, 2021 at 2:00 PM for the Certification of the Results.
- 7. Adjournment: 2:07 PM

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_