

The Washington County Electoral Board met at 1:30 p.m. on September 22, 2016 in Conference Room No. 2 on the second floor of the Washington County Government Center building. James Bebout, John Lamie and Constance Bundy were in attendance. Derek Lyall, Director of Elections was also in attendance.

The Board reviewed and approved minutes from the prior meeting.

Mr. Bebout provided an overview of the regional Virginia Electoral Board Association meeting that he attended on September 13, 2016 in Bedford. Among topics discussed at the Bedford meeting were:

- Proposed legislation that would change the threshold that would require write-in votes to be counted following an election;
- New state regulations that allow voters to take “selfies” while they are voting;
- Security issues involving voting machines; and
- FOIA rules that are applicable to electoral boards.

Mr. Lyall then reviewed issues related to election preparation, including a review of the number of machines that will be used, the number of ballots that have been ordered, and the number of election officials that will be needed.

The Board then reviewed the election official list. Several transfer requests were approved and several new election officials were appointed.

The Board then agreed to meet on October 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to make any additional election official appointments needed in advance of the election.

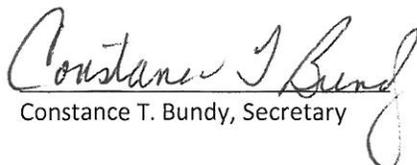
The Board agreed that the canvass of the November 8, 2016 election will begin at 10:30 a.m. on November 9, 2016 in the Board of Supervisors Auditorium. Mr. Lyall also advised the board that they will need to reconvene on the afternoon of November 14, 2016 to consider ID Provisionals. Normally, the deadline for a voter who casts an ID provisional ballot to provide a valid photo ID is at noon on the Friday after the election; however, since that Friday falls on the Veterans Day Holiday, the Department of Elections has provided guidance stating that the photo ID deadline must be extended until noon on Monday following the election. The Board agreed to meet on 1:00 p.m. on November 14, 2016 to consider ID Provisional ballots and to conclude the canvass.

The Board next considered a request from the organization Judicial Watch to allow neutral observers in our polling places on Election Day. Mr. Lyall suggested that if this request is granted by the Electoral Board, that the organization be required to provide us at least ten days before the election with the names of the individuals who would be acting as observers and the names of the precincts they would be visiting. The Board agreed with this suggestion and unanimously approved the request submitted by Judicial Watch provided that the requested information is provided.

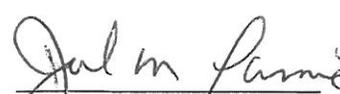
Mr. Lyall announced that he would be ordering commemorative lapel pins for our election officials as a token of appreciation for their service this year.

Mr. Bebout then discussed recent media reports about security concerns surrounding voting in the upcoming election. Mr. Bebout stressed the importance of everyone being vigilant to ensure that we have a fair and secure election on November 8.

With there being no further business to conduct, the Board adjourned its meeting at approximately 3:45 p.m.


Constance T. Bundy, Secretary


James M. Bebout, Chair


John M. Lamie, Vice Chair