

The Washington County Electoral Board met at 9:15 a.m. on July 17, 2017 in the Registrar's Office. James Bebout and John Lamie were in attendance; Constance Bundy was absent. Derek Lyall, Director of Elections was also in attendance.

The Board reviewed and approved minutes from the prior meeting.

Mr. Bebout brought to the attention of the Board a concern that has been raised with him about the South Abingdon precinct. The individual raising the concern does not believe that the Higher Education Center is the best place for the precinct to be housed because of the large number of activities occurring at that facility. The individual suggested the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator as a possible alternative site. The Board agreed to review this issue at a future meeting.

Next, the Board discussed a complaint regarding the Burson Place precinct. Specifically, some voters do not know how to reach the handicapped parking spaces at the Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department. The Board directed Mr. Lyall to have some signage prepared directing voters to the handicapped parking spaces.

Mr. Lyall reminded the Board that Spooner Hull and Jay Overbey with Atlantic Election Services will be here on July 31, 2017 to provide a demonstration of their new optical scan machines.

Mr. Lyall then reviewed his plan to begin the process of electronically scanning all voter registration applications and storing those electronic copies in the secure VERIS program, which is the Commonwealth of Virginia's voter registration database. Mr. Lyall asked the Board to designate the electronic copies of the voter registration applications as the official voter registrations records for Washington County. The Board unanimously voted to make this designation.

The Board then went into closed session pursuant to Va. Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) to conduct the annual performance evaluation of the Director of Elections, and pursuant to Va. Code Sections 2.2-3711(A)(34) and 24.2-625.1(B) to conduct the annual review of Washington County's election security plan.

The Board then came out of closed meeting. The Board approved the annual performance evaluation of the Director of Elections and approved the updated election security plan.

With there being no further business to conduct, the Board adjourned its meeting at approximately 10:55 a.m.

Constance T. Bundy, Secretary



James M. Bebout, Chair



John M. Lamie, Vice Chair