

STAFFORD COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD
Minutes Monday August 1, 2016

The Stafford County Electoral Board met in the General Registrar's Office on Monday, August 1st 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Filler at 10:30 AM. Roll call was taken with all members present: Chairman; Doug Filler, Vice Chairman; Marie Gozzi, and Secretary; Gloria Chittum. The General Registrar; Greg Riddlemoser, was also in attendance. The minutes for the June 28th 2016 meeting were reviewed and Doug made motion to approve with Marie seconding and all voting in favor. Old business: Legislative Session: Posting minutes on line within 10 days of adoption. New Business: Greg presented us with the new election law books, and reminded us that there are 99 days until the election. Election Preparation: Greg has ordered 100% ballots for the 86,000 voters at this time in Stafford County (83,400 voters in 2012). We have had around 100 voters who are felons reinstated to vote who will be sent letters by the state board regarding the overturn the Governor's blanket clemency and what they need to do to get reinstated. There have been 4000 new registered voters so far this year and every day more people are registering. Other outreach: We'll place Electronic signs in commuter parking lots to encourage commuters to go online or contact Registrar's office to make sure you are registered and which precinct they are to vote or to consider voting absentee. Greg advised us that there would be six (6) full time people working the Absentee-In-Person and by mail precinct. Four (4) during the day, two (2) come in at 3pm and all leave when the work is complete for the day. Chief will be Laura Niewold and Assistant Chief will be Kathryn Marple, Greg stated he needed permission to be able to use the pre-processing rule which would be used daily. Doug made a motion for using the pre-processing rule in the absentee precinct. Gloria seconded all voted in favor. Gloria made motion to transfer, transpose or transcribe (duplicate) uniformed and overseas citizens' absentee voters' ballots so that all UOCAVA votes could be machine counted. Marie seconded and all voted in favor. Greg asked permission for any ballot which was unreadable or otherwise unscannable to be duplicated so that their votes could also be machine counted. Doug made the motion and Marie seconded with all voting in favor. Election Preparations: Several things were discussed as there are many things we need to do so Election Day will go smoothly. #1 We need to do all we can to prevent lines, #2 election day all county agencies and departments including the emergency management office will be at our disposal, #3 we are going to meet with county officials and department heads to have their assurance that they will be available. Greg stated he has been meeting personally with our precinct chiefs and assistant chiefs to discuss problems or any concerns they may have. Optional training for election officials, three or four days per week for nine weeks, starts tomorrow (August 2nd 2016). In October mock precinct training will begin. There will be an extra laptop in each precinct so chiefs can look up statewide voters. We've purchased new 7-foot feather signs to help the mark way to precincts. We have one hundred and fifty three (153) new precinct workers to appoint today. Doug made motion to accept all nominees, Marie seconded and all voted in favor. That brings the total up to three hundred and nine (309), with two hundred and forty-one saying yes they will work come November. Greg stated he would like to have one hundred and fifty (150) more. It was also discussed that several of our precinct workers which we had previously appointed would be working as poll watchers; it was felt that a letter should be sent to them reminding them they had signed a pledge to work for us and not the party. Greg advised he had been working with Anthony to have some of the county employee's work for us on Election Day. Also he is working on getting the \$80,000 we need for this election that was left out of the budget by the finance committee. September 23rd is our first Absentee ballot mail-out, and the day we will also do Logic and Accuracy Testing of the equipment to be used in November. There being no further business, Doug made motion to adjourn the meeting, Gloria seconded and all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Gloria Chittum, Secretary