

Stafford County Electoral Board

Minutes

November 6 through 14, 2017

The meeting of the Stafford County Electoral Board began Monday morning November 6, 2017 at the General Registrar's Office. Doug Filler Chairman called the meeting to order at 8AM. Roll called was done and all members were present: Doug Filler, Chairman; Marie Gozzi, Vice Chairman; Gloria Chittum, Secretary; and Greg Riddlemoser, General Registrar. Minutes from June meeting were read, Marie made motion to accept, Doug seconded and all voted in favor. There was no old business.

New Business: Greg explained that the contact logistics operation took three trips. Greg also announced that Gloria attended all mandatory training sessions. Greg advised us there may be an organized effort for Milde in Aquia and that Officers of Election in those precincts have been told how to handle it. Gloria made a motion to accept ballots for Paul however they may be presented and all voted in favor. Discussion of Mark Dudenhefer and recent precinct campaign behavior and it was decided for Gloria to call Sheriff D.P Decatur, Eric Olsen and Danielle Davis if things got out of hand. Greg said we had twenty (20) new precinct election officials to appoint today. Doug made the motion to appoint these officials, Marie seconded and all voted in favor. Greg advised us the canvass would be Wednesday, November the 8th in the ABC Room at 10am and the Provisional Ballots Meeting should be held at noon, Monday, November the 13<sup>th</sup> in the ABC room due to the fact that Friday was a holiday and the entire county will be closed. Greg at this time explained that he had a card made to give to all provisional voters detailing this change because the form sent from Richmond doesn't account for holidays. Doug called for a close to today's meeting to reconvene tomorrow (11/7) for the Election and again on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the ABC room. Gloria seconded and all voted in favor.

November 7, 2017: The Electoral Board met all day in our 27 precincts throughout the county to oversee the conduct of the General Election.

November 8, 2017: Canvass of the 2017 November General Election

Doug called the canvass to order. Roll call all members were present. There were many visitors present so Doug announced that the Provisional Meeting would be held on Monday, November 13, 2017 at noon in the ABC Conference room. Doug also explained that logs of Provisional Voters have never been publically released to the parties in Stafford in the past and since the law is not clear on how that should be handled Stafford County has not and will continue to not release this information in order to protect the voters of this county. The remainder of the canvass was conducted detailing only one (1) precinct reporting error. The vote for Jennifer Carol Foy in House District 002 in precinct 301 changed from 389 to 369 due to the way the results tape was folded – it was hard to read. This concluded this portion of the canvass and the meeting was recessed until noon Monday, November 13, 2017.

November 9, 10 and 11 November, 2017: At one or more points during this period, Doug and Marie got together to decide to reverse themselves on the matter of releasing the Provisional Ballot logs. They called an emergency meeting of the Electoral Board which convened on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, the sole purpose being to capture and release the provisional voter data from the Provisional Ballot logs. Greg complied with this request and gave paper and electronic copies to all of the parties assembled. We then recessed until noon Monday, November 13, 2017.

Monday, November 13, 2017: We reconvened at noon and called the roll. All were present. Doug moved and Marie seconded that we recess until noon tomorrow (11/14) to give provisional voters one more day to try to get us more information so that we might be able to count their ballot. Doug and Marie voted yes and Gloria voted no. Motion carried. We then recessed until noon Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

Tuesday, November 14, 2017: We reconvened at noon in the Board of Supervisors' chambers and called the roll. All were present. We then heard the Registrar's recommendation on the 49 provisional ballots. We agreed to count 40 and we did so. Doug then moved and Marie seconded that we count the 55 ballots returned by mail the morning after the deadline. After some debate, Doug voted yes and Marie and Gloria voted no, the motion failed. We then directed Registrar Riddlemoser to finalize the paperwork for our signatures and adjourned the 2017 November General Election Canvass.

Respectfully Submitted

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Gloria Chittum, Secretary