

STAFFORD COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

MINUTES MONDAY NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> 2019

The Stafford County Electoral Board met at the Office of the General Registrar located at 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA 22554. Marie called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM. Roll call: Marie Gozzi, Chairman, Jim Minor, Vice Chairman, Gloria Chittum, Secretary, and Anna Rainey, General Registrar.

Minutes of the June 27, 2019 were deferred until Friday, November 8, 2019.

Old Business : There was none.

New Business: Anna reported we are ready for the election tomorrow. Anna also reported Gloria will be swearing in the Precinct Chiefs this morning and giving them their necessary paperwork. The trucks were already out delivering the cages to the different precincts so the chiefs and other precinct workers could start setting up their precincts tonight. Anna informed us she would be attending a budget meeting on November 13th. The new precinct, Strong Tower Church, will be on the Board of Supervisor's agenda for their November 19th meeting. This will replace Ferry Farm Elementary School, as they are starting the renovation on this school. We also need to advise the Supervisors to have it put into writing when using a school, we need to have the exact location as part of the address so it won't be moved every election.

Other new business: Marie wants us to have the Precinct Chiefs fill out performance evaluations for their workers. We deferred this to our February meeting. Also at this meeting we will be going over the incident reports .

Other Business: Anna reminded us she needed us to make a motion to do the Provisional Ballots on Friday as that would give her time to get them back from the Clerk of Court and to get all the necessary information on each of them. This is what we have done in the past. Marie made the motion, and we all voted in favor. There being no further business, Marie moved we recess until noon on Wednesday.

Tuesday, November 5, 2019, the election was held throughout the county in our 27 precincts, and the Electoral Board maintained our rotation schedule as we have in the past. We supervised the return of election material and posting of results at the end of the election. 41,056 ballots were cast which was a turnout of 44.4%.

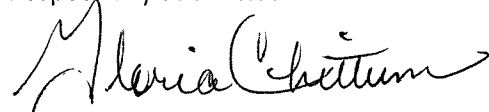
On Wednesday, November 6, 2019, Marie called the meeting to order. Roll call: Marie Gozzi , Chairman, Jim Minor, Vice Chairman, Gloria Chittum , Secretary, Anna Rainey, General Registrar, Jincy Brown, Assistant Registrar. There were several observers, Carolyn Lawson, LOW , Adela Bertoldi Chairman Stafford County Republican Party , Richard Horner, Potomac Local News. Marie made a motion to have the Provisional Ballots meeting moved to Friday. Gloria seconded, and all voted in favor. At this time we started working on the canvas. When we started on 302, we did not have all the proper paperwork. At this time Gloria told Anna she needed to have the Precinct Chief and Asst. Chief, and any other election officials who could come in, to come and advise us where it may be. We continued with

the canvas and finished it all, except for 302. Sarah Kendall, Chief, and Fitima Cox, Assistant Chief, came in but could not tell us where their paperwork was. We decided to use the copy of the tape we already had and not to petition the court to open more envelopes. This completed this portion of the canvas at 2:30 PM. Marie thanked everyone for coming, and she made a motion to go into closed session. People present in the closed session were Electoral Board Members, Marie Gazzi, Chairman, Jim Minor, Vice Chairman, Gloria Chittum, Secretary, Anna Rainey, General Registrar, Jincy Brown, Assistant Registrar, Greg Riddlemoser, consultant, and Michael Matheson, our attorney. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss exactly what happened on Tuesday, November 5. At most, 281 ballots in 6 different split precincts were given out incorrectly. After listening to Anna, and Jincy, who explained that at 6:10 AM they became aware that the printer was printing wrong information regarding ballot style. They instructed the chiefs in these precincts to use the electronic poll book, which was correct. After this was explained, Gloria asked Anna to send a letter to the chairs of the two political parties inviting them to come on Friday after the provisional ballot meeting to have it explained to them and let them ask questions. They were informed this was a man-made error. At this time Michael, talked to us about what may or may not happen after sending a letter of explanation to the State Board of Elections, the newspaper and to the chairs of the local political parties. At 3:18 PM, the closed session meeting was closed and at 3:19 PM, Marie reopened public meeting. There was no new business. Marie recessed the meeting until Friday at noon.

Marie resumed the meeting at 12 noon on Friday, November 8, 2019. It immediately went to closed session to talk about the provisional votes. Anna reported we had 29 provisional ballots. After conducting research, it was recommended we should only consider 19 of them. Marie made a motion not to count 10 of the ballots as they had been researched and should not be counted, Gloria seconded, and all voted in favor. Marie made a motion to return to open session, Gloria seconded, and all voted in favor. All 19 ballots were cast and counted. We then discussed with the representatives of each party what happened in those six precincts on Tuesday, November 5th. Those present were Bill Johnson-Miles, Jim Fry, Alyssa Pool and Tony De Tora.

We next discussed signing the minutes from the June 27, 2019 meeting. After some discussion, it was decided to wait until the next meeting to sign these minutes. We then adjourned at 2PM.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gloria Chittum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "C".

Gloria Chittum, Secretary