

Northumberland County, Virginia  
Electoral Board  
Meeting Minutes

Date: August 10, 2021		Chair: Austin Schmidt	Present
Start: 9:30 AM		Vice Chair: Ed Johnson	Present
Adjourned: 11:45 AM		Secty: Joe Schlatter	Present

The Northumberland County Electoral Board met on August 10, 2021, at 9:30 AM. All Board members present. General Registrar Kathy Davenport present.

Agenda

- Approve ballot order for November 2021 General Election
- Discuss GR plans to staff Early Voting
- Schedule Early Voting Logic and Accuracy testing
- Set dates for training for November General Election
- Other business
- Meet with members of public regarding election security

Approve ballot order for November 2021 General Election

Board reviewed ballot order with GR; approved the following ballot order for November General Election:

- Three types of ballots required because of Supervisor and School Board election in District 2 and 3.
  - Type 1: Precincts 1, 4, 5.
  - Type 2: Precinct 2
  - Type 3: Precinct 3
- 8300 ballots for Early Voting and Election Day
  - Type 1: 5200
  - Type 2: 1700
  - Type 3: 1400
- 650 folded absentee ballots:
  - Type 1: 350
  - Type 2: 200
  - Type 3: 100

GR reported that all Election Day vDrives were returned to Hart for programming.

Discuss GR plans to staff Early Voting

Board approved GR plans for Early Voting operations.

- Early voting to be in GR office building
- Assistant Registrars will operate the polling place
- GR has selected four Officers of Election to work early voting as needed

Schedule Early Voting Logic and Accuracy testing

EB will conduct L&A testing for Early Voting on September 14, 9:30 AM

Will set up four machines: Two each Scanners and TouchWriters

- One Scanner, one TouchWriter for Early Voting
- One Scanner, one TouchWriter spare.

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Set dates for training for November General Election

EB deferred this decision to the September meeting.

Also, at September meeting EB will make Officer of Election assignments.

Other business

Hart technicians will be here on August 19 to apply update to all Scanners and TouchWriters. Secretary will be present to monitor technicians

EB contacted Hart to get names of technicians and ensure they will have Hart identification.

Next meeting: September 14, 9:30 AM (NOTE: Date later changed to September 13.)

Meet with members of public regarding election security

The EB and GR then moved to rear patio to meet with members of the public who had requested a meeting to discuss election security.

Present at this part of the meeting were:

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General Registrar

Ms. Linda Petty, Assistant Registrar

Ms. Johanna Carrington and Mr. Ray Maynard representing "Virginians for America First"

Ms. Marion Cockrell, Northumberland County Republican Committee Chair

Ms. Terry Dutcher, representing Northumberland County Democratic Committee


Ms. Carrington had several questions about voter registration; voter list maintenance; election operations; voting machines; and other topics. The General Registrar and EB members answered her questions. Specific questions and responses were:

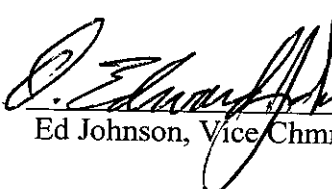
Question	Response
Concerns about Nov 2020 election and Nov 2021 election?	None.
Last "cleanup" of county voting rolls?	GR and EB described List Maintenance process; provided Ms. Carrington with copy of last Dept of Elections List Maintenance report to General Assembly.
What voting machines does Northumberland County use? How were EB and GR trained on machines?	Scanner and TouchWriters from Hart Intercivic; purchased in late 2015/early 2016. Training provided by Hart trainers.
Have COVID restrictions eliminated witness signature for mail-in absentee ballots?	Witness signature was waived for Nov 2020 election; witness signatures now required because pandemic restrictions are lifted.
What are security procedures for absentee ballot drop box?	EB shoed ballot drop box at GR office; video surveillance; deputies monitor at night.

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Question	Response
What are the procedures for official observers at polling places?	GR and EB described requirements for official observers.
Does Northumberland County use high school students as pages at polling places?	High school pages were used in 2016 Presidential election; we have not used since. We review the need for pages prior to each election.
Does the Circuit Court Clerk provide to GR a list of non-citizens who were dropped from jury duty?	In fact, the opposite occurs. State Dept of Elections provides list of registered voters to Supreme Court which provides list to Clerks for use in calling people for jury duty. Non-citizens are purged by ELECT before list goes to Supreme Court.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

  
Austin Schmidt, Chmn

  
Ed Johnson, Vice Chmn

  
Joe Schlatter, Secretary