

APPROVED

Galax City Electoral Board
November 9, 2016 1:30 p.m.

The Electoral Board met at 8:30 a.m. with Stacy Reavis to receive the election materials necessary to do the canvas at Grayson County, in Independence, Va. The canvas, with minor details being corrected by poll workers, as needed, went well and was completed. The Board returned to Galax City at 1:30 p.m.

The Galax Electoral Board met 1:30 p.m. in the 1st floor Galax City meeting room. The meeting was called to order by Norma Haynes, Chairman at 1:30 p.m. with Sylvia Richardson and Melba Knox present.

The minutes from the October 25, 2016 meeting were read and approved.

The Election Training Session on November 1 was discussed and the board felt the planning in the meeting was successful.

The setting-up of the three precincts on November 8 was evaluated. The members met with Randy Butcher and Joey Davis at the East Precinct at 6:30 p.m. and South Precinct at 7:30 p.m. to do preliminary work. Then Norma, Sylvia and Melba arranged the North Precinct at 8:00 p.m. Voting Machines were to be delivered at 5:00 a.m. on November 7. All went well at the planning sessions.

The November 8 Election was discussed with the following recommendations:

1. The SOR tabulations need to have at least 4 poll workers working in 2 teams and making comparisons to reduce careless mistakes.
2. Educating voters, who need assistance at a Touch Screen machines, needs improvement. The Electoral Board does not want an observer to be able to criticize or question the intent of poll workers, who try to explain to voters how machines work.
3. Poll workers need to be reminded to bring their Handbooks to training sessions and elections. This is very important for the smooth running and understanding of use of machines and information.
4. During the first hour of an election, experienced workers need to be at the PCU and Electronic Poll Books, since, during this hour more voters are usually present and a smooth beginning is positive. Rotations can occur later.
5. DMV registrations continue to be a problem for new voters at all polls.

The Electoral Board moved to the Registrar's office to complete the abstract with Stacey Reavis at 1:55 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melba M. Knox, Secretary