

Galax City Electoral Board
November 4, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

The Electoral Board met in the Registrar's Office at 10:00 a.m. to go to Independence Va. for the canvas. C.C.Kurtz, Sylvia Richardson, Melba Knox and David Phipps, Registrar were present.

David provided necessary materials from the polls to be examined. C.C. drove.

All forms were properly checked covering all ballots received at this time.

Board returned to Galax at 2:50 p.m. and C.C. called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed the following:

1. Statistical data sheets need more attention to avoid careless mistakes.
2. During Early Voting Evaluate Record Sheets continue to check EPB Summary sheets and Scanner counts often.
3. Improve attention to control ballot utilization in absentee requests and early voting polls.
4. New South Precinct Layout worked well.
5. Board needs to consider decreasing number of precincts, if Early Voting continues. About 1000 persons voted there this time, thus decreasing the other 3 precincts.
6. Poll worker recruitment was very difficult considering the threat of Covid 19.
7. Board would like to recommend to the Virginia General Assembly that the time frame of Early Voting be shortened.
8. Board would like to recommend that Early Voting be shut down on the last day and not combine the tally with Absentee voters. Voters were very confused that their vote was counted in CAP (Central Absentee Precinct) instead of Early Vote IN Person when they knew they WERE PRESENT and NOT ABSENTEE.
9. Board questioned why the ADA machine was required to be set up in C A P precinct when the other 3 precincts were available for in-person voting with ADA machines.
10. Evaluate efficiency and improve Precinct case information, review procedure for cases i.e. applications for ballots, provisional and Statement of Results
11. VA Dept. of Election day Guide is missing some information that should be added.
12. Improve the organization of the Registrar's office in every nook and cranny for efficiency.
13. Remind and publish list of who returns what from polls to office of Registrar after Elections concerning Precinct Chiefs or City employees like Randy Butcher and Joey Davis.

Board decided to meet Nov.9 to complete the canvas and abstract at 1:00 p.m.
Meeting adjourned 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melba Knox, Secretary