

APPROVED

Galax City Electoral Board
February, 13 2020, 1:00 p.m.

C. C. Kurtz called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm with Sylvia Richardson, and Melba Knox in Galax City Registrar's office with Stacey Reavis, Registrar. Main concern was the Galax City Budget for the coming year and Democratic Presidential Primary March 3, 2020-2021.

Minutes for the January 1, 2020 meeting were read and approved.

Stacey announced that Melba Knox was reappointed to the Electoral Board 2020-2023 term. She also mentioned that Helen Kyle is now the Democratic Chairman and Brandon Boyles continues as Republican Chairman for our area.

According to the VEBA, Stacey related there is a strong possibility that the VA Legislature will vote to have 45 days Early Voting without excuses before the 2020 Presidential Election and we must plan for such a happening in our budget.

Stacey expects a large turnout based on other similar states' statistics. She supplied handouts supporting a possibility of 1040 early voters. Based on this information, the Board discussed a plan to decrease the number of precincts by 1. Also a satellite location would need to be planned and approved. Poll workers, location, and related factors were discussed.

Those factors included number of voters, new polling area, need for smoothness in process of voting, security, and cost. Possibilities for polling areas included Galax City Meeting Room on 1st floor, Registrar's office, alcove across from bill paying in lobby, area outside Galax City Council Chambers on 2nd floor, and area inside City Council Chambers on 2nd floor. After the adjournment of the meeting the Electoral Board walked over the suggested areas and considered electrical outlets, use of equipment in the space itself, interference from people traffic, access by voters, etc.

Motion was made by Sylvia and approved by Board to start the paperwork for approval of reduction of 3 precincts to 2 precincts starting 1/1/2021.

A budget for the Electoral Board was presented using the possibility of early voting and reduction to 2 precincts for our consideration.

The Electoral board decided to meet 2/19/20 to discuss and make talking points for the Proposed Budget and pros and cons of Place for Satellite Early voting.

Joey Davis will be out during the upcoming election and Zeke Morton will be substituting for him in March 3 election for City support for equipment.

Schedule coming up included:

- February 18 - 6:00 pm EPB
- February 19 - 1:00 Electoral Board Talking points meeting for budget and evaluation of possible Satellite Places.
- February 20 - 6:00 pm Optical Scan
- February 21 - 2:00 pm CAP
- February 25 - 6:15 pm Chiefs and Assistants; 7:00 pm All Poll Workers
- February 28 - 2:30 pm Supply Cases
- March 3 - Primary Election
- March 4 - 8:30 am Canvass Independence

Handouts

1. Electoral Board Budget for 2020-2021
2. Projection Figures for early Turnout
3. Disability Procedure from Law Center
4. Possible Early voting Layout for Satellite.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melba M. Knox, Secretary