Harrisonburg City Electoral Board

Minutes

Monday – September 11, 2017

10:00 AM

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*In Attendance*

Sandra Price- Stroble, Chairman; Roberta McCorkle, V. Chairman

Jane Grant Burner, Secretary

Deborah Logan, Director of Elections

Bill Wilson, Associate Director of the Center for Civic Engagement at JMU

*Call to Order*

Price-Stroble called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

*Welcome*

 Bill Wilson from JMU

**A ‘Moment of Silence’ was observed for remembrance of the 9/11 Victims and Victims of the Harvey and Irma Hurricanes.**

 A motion was made by McCorkle, and seconded by Price-Stroble, to accept the agenda for the 9/11/17 meeting. All Electoral Board members voted approval of said agenda.

A motion was made by Price-Stroble, and seconded by McCorkle, to accept the minutes from September 6th closed session meeting. All Electoral Board members voted approval of said minutes.

*Director of Election (Registrar’s) Report*

- L & A Testing scheduled for Thursday – September 9/14/17 starting @ 8:15AM in

 the basement of the municipal building

- Delivery of Absentee Ballots are expected within days

- Locks are being changed, for security purposes, on second floor municipal building

 room being used for absentee voting

- Council Chambers being requested for October 30th general review/training of

 Officers of Election for the November 7th Election. There will be breakout sessions

 for specified training

- Voter Applications are coming into the Registrar’s office without complete

 information to be able to process the applications. Many Social Security numbers,

 and other information, are being left off the applications and therefore must be

 denied

- The Virginia Department of Elections has required mandatory upgrades for all

 state localities to have voting machines updated from touch to paper voting

 machines. Harrisonburg upgraded their voting machines in 2010. No further

 voting machines upgrades are necessary at this time.

- Logan will be out of the office September 25th thru September 29th .

- Facility Permits for city precinct usage have been emailed to the City

 Superintendent’s Office, directly to Peggy May on August 7th, 2017,

 by the Registrar’s Office

- Friday- September 22nd is the deadline to mail absentee ballots and once the voting

 machines are L & A Tested the absentees ballots can be mailed

*Report from Wilson*

- Next Gen America, a third party sign up group for the purposes of registering

 college/university students is not directly accountable to JMU

- JMU Dukes Vote will start Thursday on campus – September 14th on Constitution

 Day

- Wilson’s direct line at the JMU for any questions is 540-568-3979

Price-Stroble requested information in reference to generators for use at the city precincts in case of any future power outages. Harrisonburg High School and the Municipal Building are the backup precinct locations for a voting in the case of a power outages. Pollbooks have a back up time of approximately (2/3) hours and the Voting Machines have a storage backup of (4) hours.

Janson Silvers, with TV Station WHSV emailed the Electoral Board while the business meeting of September 11th was in session. The Electoral Board was being requested for information in reference to the mandatory voting machines being required by the Virginia State Board of Elections. Price-Stroble responded immediately with the necessary information. The WHSV TV Station used information from the Rockingham County Registrar’s Office for their reporting on the news for September 11th and not information from the City Electoral Board.

*Closed Session*

A motion was made by Price-Stroble and seconded by McCorkle to adjourn the public meeting and reconvene in closed session to discuss personnel matters according to authority of the Code of Virginia 2.2-3711. All board members present voted in favor.

*Open Session*

A motion was made by Price-Stroble to return to public session. This motion was seconded by McCorkle. A roll call vote was taken as required by 2.210-3712-D of the Code of Virginia to certify that during the closed session the only business that transpired was personnel as allowed according to the authority of code 2.2-371-A1. Roll call vote was taken; Price-Stroble-.yes, McCorkle-yes and Burner-yes.

A motion was made by Price-Stroble and seconded by McCorkle to certify that the only business discussed was personnel choices for the November 7th, 2017 Election.

A motion was made by Price-Stroble to approve the slate of precinct officers chosen and McCorkle seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken; Price-Stroble-yes, McCorkle-yes, and Burner-yes.

*Adjournment*

McCorkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by

Price-Stroble at 12:34PM.

All board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Grant Burner, Secretary

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