

BLAND COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD  
Bland County Voter Registration and Elections Office  
PO Box 535  
Bland, VA 24315  
December 19, 2023

- Call meeting to order
  - Molly called the meeting to order at 2:24pm. In attendance: Molly Thompson- Chair, Brenda Thompson- Vice Chair, Dorothy (Dot) Kidd- Secretary, and Stacy Tibbs Grady- General Registrar and Director of Elections
  
- Approve agenda
  - Brenda made the motion to approve the agenda as is
  - Dot seconded the motion
  - All in favor, motion passed
  
- Approve minutes from October 24, 2023, November 8, 2023, and November 13, 2023 meetings:
  - Brenda made the motion to approve the minutes from the 10/24/23, 11/08/23, and 11/13/23 meetings
  - Molly seconded the motion
  - All in favor, motion passed
  
- Closed session: Locality Election Security Standards (LESS) Remediation Plan Review

§ 2.2-3711. Closed meetings authorized for certain limited purposes.

-34. Discussion or consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of voting security matters made confidential pursuant to § [24.2-410.2](#) or [24.2-625.1](#).

Brenda made a motion:

\*\*\*\*\*I move that the Electoral Board and Director of Elections of Bland County convene in closed session pursuant to section § 24.2-410.2 and §24.2-625.1 of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussing the Locality Election Security Standards (LESS); seconded by Dot.

The vote on the motion was as follows: Molly Thompson, Yes ; Brenda Thompson, Yes ; and Dorothy Kidd, Yes . The motion passed. Closed session start- 2:26pm.

Brenda made a motion:

\*\*\*\*\*I move that the Electoral Board and Director of Elections of Bland County certify that in the closed session just concluded the only matters discussed were the Locality Election Security Standards (LESS), and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.; seconded by Dot.

The vote on the motion was as follows: Molly Thompson, Yes ; Brenda Thompson, Yes ; and Dorothy Kidd, Yes . The motion passed. Closed session end- 2:31pm.

■ Registrar informational items

-Election Update

-The State Board of Elections certified the results of the November 7, 2023 General Election on December 4, 2023.

-The next election for Virginia is the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary. Both major parties have called for a primary to determine the candidate that will be on the November ballot. The deadline for candidates to file for the March 5<sup>th</sup> ballot was on December 14, 2023. The parties have until 5:00pm December 19, 2023 to certify the candidates. The State Board will meet on December 20, 2023 at 1:00pm to determine ballot order. Ballot proofing/approval will begin immediately after. Early voting will begin January 19, 2024.

-Holiday schedule for the office

-The County will be closed:

-Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas holiday

-Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> thru January 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2024 New Year's holiday

-VEBA/VRAV Annual Meeting

-The VEBA/VRAV Annual Meeting will be held March 17-19, 2024, at the Homestead. VEBA Bootcamp for new/reappointed Board member will be held Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> (A Bootcamp will also be held Saturday, February 3, 2024 in Caroline County for those wishing to attend.). The annual meeting is on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The registration and room reservation link is not yet available for this event and will be sent in January. Stacy will attend this meeting to represent Bland County.

■ Other business

-Appoint voting machine technician for March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary

-Stacy informed the Board that they need to appoint the voting machine technician for this election.

-Brenda made the motion to appoint Chris Sutphin as the voting machine technician for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary.

-Molly seconded the motion

Roll call vote: Molly: Yes Brenda: Yes Dot: Yes

-Set Logic and Accuracy Testing/Certification date/time

-Logic and Accuracy Testing/Certification for the voting equipment will be conducted January 16, 2024 beginning at 10:00am

-Logic and Accuracy Testing/Certification for the Early Voting pollbook(s) will be conducted on January 18, 2024 beginning at 10:00am and for Election Day pollbooks will be conducted March 3, 2024 beginning at 3:00pm

-Set Absentee by Mail Pre-process dates/times

-February 27, 2024 beginning at 1:00pm

-March 2, 2024 beginning at 1:00pm

-Set Electoral Board Canvass date/time

-Begin March 6, 2024 at 2:00pm

-Conclude March 8, 2024 beginning at 1:00pm, with CAP officers finishing the Post Election Precinct tasks (coming in at 12:30pm)

-The next meeting of the Electoral Board will be 02/01/24 at 2:00pm

- Adjourn meeting
  - Brenda made the motion to adjourn the meeting
  - Molly seconded the motion
  - All in favor, motion passed

There being no further business Molly adjourned the meeting at 2:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy S. Kidd, Secretary  
Bland County Electoral Board