

BLAND COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD
Bland County Voter Registration and Elections Office
PO Box 535
Bland, VA 24315
January 17, 2023

- Call meeting to order
 - Molly called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. In attendance: Molly Thompson-Chair, Dorothy (Dot) Kidd- Secretary, Stacy Tibbs Grady- Director of Elections and General Registrar, Brenda Thompson*, and Linda Miller

- *Brenda has been appointed to the Bland County Electoral Board. She has not yet taken her oath and will be an observer for this meeting and until such time that she is able to go to the Clerk of Court to take her Electoral Board Oath

- Approve agenda
 - Molly made the motion to accept the agenda as is
 - Dot seconded the motion
 - All in favor, motion passed

- Electoral Board Reorganization
 - Since Brenda will be an official Board member as soon as she takes her oath, the Electoral Board continued with the reorganization
 - Molly made the motion to appoint Brenda as Vice of the Electoral Board, leaving Molly as Chair and Dot as Secretary
 - Dot seconded the motion
 - All in favor, motion passed

- Discussion of a personnel matter with the Human Resources Director, Linda Miller, for Bland County
 - The Electoral Board discussed the steps to take in creating an additional position for the Bland County Voter Registration and Elections Office with Linda. Linda left after she gave the information.

- Closed session: Locality Election Security Standards (LESS)

§ 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](#).

Molly 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 of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussing the Locality Election Security Standards (LESS); seconded by Dot.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Molly Thompson, yes and Dorothy Kidd, yes. The motion passed. Closed session start- 3:09 pm.

Dot 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 Molly.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Molly Thompson, yes and Dorothy Kidd, yes. The motion passed. Closed session end- 3:16 pm.

■ Registrar informational items

-Virginia Electoral Board Association Meeting/ELECT New EB Member Boot Camp

-Stacy let the Board know that the annual VEBA meeting will be held March 26-27 at the Hotel Roanoke due to construction at the Omni Homestead. ELECT will hold a Boot Camp for new Board members on March 25th.

-All room blocks for the meeting are full. An overflow hotel, Hampton Inn and Suites has rooms available if the Board would like to go.

- Next year's meeting is being planned to return to the Homestead.

-Annual GR/EB Training

-Annual training for the General Registrar and new EB members will be held on July 20th in Richmond. We will receive more information at a later date.

-The training is at least 8 hours so we normally go up the day before and return the day after training (7/19-7/21). Stacy will make reservations for her and Brenda as soon as she receives the meeting information.

■ Other business

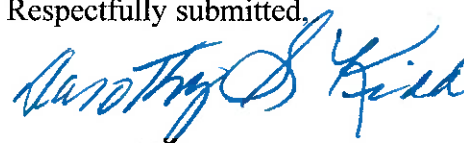
-The Board set the date for the next meeting for February 1, 2023 at 2:00pm to appoint Officers of Election:

-Stacy informed the Board that she needs to be off on 1/30 to take her sons to Charlottesville for diabetes appointments and she also has an appointment while there. She asked the Board whether they wanted her to close the office that day or if one of them would cover the office. The Board said to close the office that day.

■ Adjourn meeting

-There being no further business, Molly adjourned the meeting at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy S. Kidd, Secretary
Bland County Electoral Board