

**Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
3 February 2021**

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday 3 February 2021 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2 PM. Present were Inetha Holmes, Chairman, Regina Haggerty, Vice Chairman, William Bell, Secretary, and Lisa Betterton, Director of Elections (DE). Ms. Church, IOW Democratic Party Chair was present as well.

The minutes of the 6 January 2021 meetings were read, approved, signed and given to Ms. Betterton for filing.

Secretary's Report.

The secretary reported that the current session of the General Assembly would adjourn on 11 February. There's were rumors that the GA would agree to a 15-day extension in order to avoid another open ended special session. He said there was no bill currently alive that would require reporting the absentee vote count by precinct. That would save turning the CAP into a precinct with 15 splits. He also briefed on the actions of the Electoral Board in the city of Richmond which had fired their General Registrar on Monday last. He said this seemed to be indicative of the the patronage abolished in the late 1980s. He then highlighted a few bills alive in the house and senate that would require changes in how elections are executed at the local level.

General Registrar's Report.

Ms. Betterton stated that, after discussions with IT, it was felt that upgrading the current laptops used for electronic poll books was more costly than switching to a tablet solution. The tablet will also provide additional features helpful to set up and real time visibility of turnout. She has budgeted for the DemTech tablet solution and plans to implement for the November gubernatorial election. The deadline to upgrade software has been extended by ELECT.

New Business

The secretary stated that the election schedule going forward was not clear. Given recent news that the census figures to be used for redistricting would not be available until 31 July, a special election for delegates may be pushed into early 2022. Primary in June is a go. A general discussion on how the county determines district and precinct boundaries ensure based on a question from Ms. Church.

Old Business. None

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Inetha Holmes Chairman

Regina Haggerty, Vice-Chairman

William Bell, Secretary