

Isle of Wight County
Electoral Board Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2015

In Attendance:

Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman
Inetha Holmes, Vice-Chairman

William Bell, Secretary
Lisa Betterton, GR

Meeting **called to order** at 1:00pm by Chairman Jeremiah Cuffey.

Approval of minutes

Minutes from the last meeting were not available at meeting

Secretary's Report

Mr. Bell stated that on Dec 15th he attended a conference at the Virginia Beach Courthouse. Also in attendance were the Governor, the Virginia Beach mayor, and Scott Regal (2nd congressional district). The Governor announced that the budget he planned to submit the morning after the conference would contain a 28 million dollar bond to buy new voting equipment for every precinct in VA that does not have new equipment. This will be a one vendor solution and, at this time, we do not know who the vendor will be, however Mr. Bell has personally confirmed that at least 2 vendors meet the necessary requirements. If the appropriation act is passed in February, the funds (via credit) will become available for use by August 1, 2015. The chosen vendor will then be required to supply the equipment and (on- sight) training by no later than September 15th. Mr. Bell stated that the localities are not required to use the chosen vendor, however if a locality chooses to use a different vendor, their county or city must fund the new equipment and it must be used for the November 2015 General Election. Mr. Bell also stated that he had participated in a phone conference with Nancy Rodriguez in which many of the participants (GR's and EB members) had stated their reservations with having a one vendor solution. They argued that the localities should be allowed to use the vendor of their choice and still receive funding. Mr. Bell feels the one vendor solution is more of a convenience issue for the state. He also feels the chosen vendor could possibly be over loaded and this could affect the services to the localities.

Mr. Bell informed the Board that, on December 3rd, he attended a round table discussion hosted by the League of Women Voters at the Capital. He stated there were many individual groups there to discuss various issues and he found the experience to be very enlightening.

General Registrar Report

Ms. Betterton went over a brief list of Election Day issues. For the most part it was a smooth and uneventful day however there were a couple of issues. The first was the Accu-Vote card malfunction at Courthouse. This was taken care of by replacing the card on election morning. Bobbi has retired the old CH card and replaced it with a new one. The second issue was the Accu-Vote machine at Pons. This was taken care of by replacing the machine on election morning. This particular machine has been grinding and jamming for the last 2 elections. Bobbi has retired this machine and it has been replaced with

another machine. The third, and final, issue was a countywide issue with the new EPB's. The laptops would exit out of the program when certain Driver's License were scanned. This happened at all precincts throughout the day but was quickly overcome at each precinct and did not interfere with the voting process. Ms. Betterton contacted Cameron Sasnett, at SBE and was told there is a fix for this problem. We will have the problem resolved by next election.

Ms. Betterton informed the EB that she had attended the VRAV meeting. One of the things discussed was the GR/EB study. It was suggested that the GR's contact their Delegates. Mr. Bell stated that he had already done that.

Ms. Betterton is currently working on the 2015/16 budget. She informed the EB that she will plan the equipment programming and ballot expenses with the intention of using our old equipment and should the Governor's plan be accepted, we will adjust our budget accordingly.

She informed Ms. Holmes that she is requesting funds for her to attend the annual VEBA meeting at the Homestead in 2016.

New Business

Lawsuit filed by the 3rd Congressional and 75th House Districts.

Mr. Bell stated that late last year a group filed a lawsuit stating that the 3rd Congressional district was improperly configured during the redistricting resulting in loss of continuity and was clearly designed for Bobby Scott or another minority to win the election. If this group wins the lawsuit it would require the General Assembly to reconfigure the lines by April 1, 2015. This change will cause additional workload for the GR office and could also result in a need for additional equipment.

The subject of the current district lines was discussed. Ms. Betterton stated that she would like to see some of the areas moved. Pons precinct currently has 3 Senate districts- 3, 14, & 18. There are 6 voters in the 14th and no voters, only a pump station, in the 3rd. They should be moved into the 18th SD.

The dividing line between the Newport district and the Windsor district is Nike Park Road. Currently, there are two neighborhoods, on the Carrollton side, that have been notched out and designated to the Longview precinct. They should be moved back to the Carrollton precinct.

The House split in Carrsville and Camps Mill were also discussed. The EB would like to attempt to remove the House splits in these precincts and return Carrsville back to the 64th and Camps Mill back to the 75th.

Mr. Bell suggested that we take the necessary action to move the county precinct lines to eliminate some of the splits that were created during the redistricting. He suggested that the EB come to an agreement, sign it, and present it to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cuffey proposed that we put this plan into place.

The 2015 Election year schedule was announced. Ms. Betterton informed the EB that letters have been sent to all the precinct with this information.

All voting equipment will be maintained in 2015 and we are requesting the funds for new program cards for the Accu-Votes.

Mr. Bell stated that we need to ask for additional rent for polling places. He stated that we may be moving 2 of our precinct out of the Fire stations and if we are unable to do this, Windsor Fire Station is asking for utility coverage for Election Day use.

Other Business and Public Comment

EB Chairman, Mr. Cuffey's term is ending on February 28th. He stated that he would like to renew his term. Ms. Betterton stated that she would contact Sharon Jones and find out what is necessary for Mr. Cuffey to renew his term.

Good of the Order

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm.

_____, Chairman

_____, Vice Chairman

_____, Secretary

Isle of Wight County
Electoral Board Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2015

In Attendance:

Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman
Inetha Holmes, Vice-Chairman

William Bell, Secretary
Lisa Betterton, GR

Meeting called to order at 1:00pm by Chairman Jeremiah Cuffey.

Approval of minutes

Minutes from November 2014 & January 7, 2015 were approved

VR Systems EPB Software Presentation by Kevin White from BEC

Secretary's Report

Mr. Bell discussed the current status on HB1433. This bill was put into place to change the code, which has not been reviewed since 1970, to reflect the many Electoral Board duties that have been delegated to the General Registrar.

He stated that VEBA has a member, who is also lawyer, who will be working to change the code to reflect the EB duties that have been delegated to the GR **and** to increase the GR salary to a more appropriate level for the duties performed. The bill has been passed through the House P&E committee. It will now go to the Senate P&E.

General Registrar Report

Ms. Betterton updated the EB on the NVRA Purge status. As of January 2015, Isle of Wight has lost 882 voters due to the purge. This leaves 25,935 active voters in Isle of Wight as of January 2015.

New Business

The Security SSP Review for 2014 was signed by all EB members.

Other Business and Public Comment

Mr. Bell re-evaluated the plan to eliminate several precinct splits. The plan, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors, is designed to eliminate 2 splits in the Pons precinct. The plan also includes moving two small areas from the Windsor district back into the Newport District. He also discussed moving the House district lines in Carrsville and Camps Mill.

Good of the Order

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

_____, Chairman

_____, Vice Chairman

_____, Secretary

Isle of Wight County
Electoral Board Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2015

In Attendance:

Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman

William Bell, Secretary

Inetha Holmes, Vice-Chairman

Lisa Betterton, GR

Meeting **called to order** at 1:00pm by Chairman Jeremiah Cuffey.

Approval of minutes

Minutes from February 4, 2015 were approved.

Secretary's Report

Mr. Bell stated that House Bill 1433 has been passed and forwarded to the Governor. HB 1433 is the bill introduced by the EB/GR Workgroup that changes the command of duties of Absentee Voting and Campaign finance to the General Registrar.

He then stated that a group at the State Board met and agreed to continue to work with the GR/EB work group for another year.

Mr. Bell spoke briefly about the upcoming VEBA meeting at the Homestead. He informed the board members that there will be a presentation given on the redistricting process explaining how the district lines are drawn. This presentation will be given by a lawyer who worked for Terri Jones for 15 years and is highly experienced in the redistricting process.

General Registrar Report

No report at this time

New Business

The Electoral Board reorganized. Mr. Cuffey was re-elected as Chairman and Mr. Bell agreed to continue to serve as Secretary.

Other Business and Public Comment

The possibility of a June Primary was briefly discussed.

Good of the Order

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15

_____, Chairman

_____, Vice Chairman

_____, Secretary

Isle of Wight County
Electoral Board Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2015

In Attendance:

William Bell, Secretary

Inetha Holmes, Vice-Chairman

Lisa Betterton, GR

Meeting **called to order** at 1:05pm by Vice-Chair Inetha Holmes

Approval of minutes

Minutes from March 4, 2015 were approved.

Secretary's Report

Mr. Bell stated that the Governor has signed SB 1062 & HB 1433. These bills change the command of duties of Absentee Voting and Campaign finance to the General Registrar. In addition it gives the General Registrar an additional title of Director of Elections. This becomes effective as of 7/1/15.

Mr. Bell informed the EB that he had done what was necessary to clean up the election lines for presentation before the Board. If this proposal is approved by the Board of Supervisors, it will move a small area from the Pons precinct, currently in the 14th Senate district, to the Zuni precinct in the Carrsville district. This small area contains 11 residents of which 6 are registered voters. This change will save the county approximately \$1200 if a primary or special election should be held in the 14th Senate district.

General Registrar Report

Ms. Betterton informed the Board that the technical support we previously received from SBE for the Advocate software on our EPB's has been delegated to DemTech. This company is the original creators of the Advocate software and a representative of the company has contacted the VR office with an offer to provide future tech support and upgrade our current software for \$35 per laptop. Ms. Betterton expressed her desire to continue using the Advocate software as it is very user friendly and familiar to the Elections staff as well as the Officers of Election. Mr. Bell stated that we should continue to look at other software options as the HAVA funds used to pay the State Board IT staff will run out in 2018 and he is concerned that we will be left without technical support for Advocate.

New Business

A primary has been called for the 14th Senate district.

Other Business and Public Comment

Good of the Order

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.

_____, Chairman

_____, Vice Chairman

_____, Secretary

**Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
13 May 2015**

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held a scheduled meeting on 13 May 2015 at the General Registrars Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:55 PM. Present were Jeremiah Cuffey, Inetha Holmes, William Bell and the General Registrar Lisa Betterton.

The minutes from the April 1, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary discussed House Bill 2070 passed in the most recent General Assembly session. An amendment offered by the Governor to add Electoral Board Members and General Registrars to the list of those who must complete a semi-annual Statement of Economic Interest was in the end defeated. Mr. Bell said he felt that this would again be an issue in the next General Assembly and asked for a sense of how the board members felt on the subject. After some further discussion the board voted to not oppose the inclusion of Electoral Boards into the requirement if the Bill were passed.

Mr. Bell said he had received a briefing from the Commissioner of Elections on HAVA funding. The 76+ million dollars received by Virginia in 2002 will be expended in FY 18. Approximately 50% of the staff of ELECT is funded by HAVA funds. The dialog has started with the General Assembly as they will have to make up this short fall.

Mr. Bell stated that with the recent decertification of the WinVote system it would be wise to lay out for the Board of Supervisors a plan to replace the two systems we now have with the new digitized technology. After some further discussion it was decided for the secretary to prepare a plan showing all four systems currently approved for use in Virginia. This plan will be reviewed at the June meeting and forwarded to the BoS. The new system would be purchased for delivery in January 2017. First use in the June primary if held otherwise in the General Election of 2017.

Ms. Betterton stated that a Mr. Wellons at the Smithfield precinct was a problem. The precinct chief had stated she did not want him there any longer. The board stated that no letter should be sent for training for the GE and if he called state that he was not needed.

Ms. Betterton said that Primary training will be at 6 PM on 2 June at the IOW Ruritan building.

The GR said that the public hearing for the Realignment of Districts/Precincts requested by the board to alleviate the split in Pons precinct (14 Senate) and the line straightening along Nike Park Road in Windsor and Newport would be held 21 May at 6 PM. Mr. Bell requested that all attend if possible.

Ms. Betterton stated that the GR was getting an additional title, Director of Elections, effective 1 July.

Secretary Bell moved that the board close the meeting to discuss reappointment of the General Registrar and the GR's Annual Performance Review. Vice Chair Holmes seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion. The Board went into executive session.

Chairman Cuffey moved to reconvene in open session and a vote was taken certifying that during the closed meeting (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and (ii) only such public

business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was concerned were heard, were discussed or considered. Secretary Bell seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Chairman Cuffey announced that the board had by unanimous vote approved reappointment of Ms. Betterton for a four year term beginning 1 July 2015. Mr. Bell completed the Certificate of appointment. It was decided that each member would take home a copy of the GR Performance Review and be prepared to complete and sign it at the next meeting.

Secretary Bell asked the GR to lay out IOWs plan for acceptance of the Advocate EPB software replacement being fielded "just in time" for the GE.

Ms. Betterton said that she wanted to stay with DemTec ,who currently supports Advocate, through the GE so that we can evaluate how the new software performs. The Board unanimously concurred in that plan.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM

Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman

Inetha Holmes, Vice Chairman

William Bell, Secretary

**Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
3 June 2015**

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held a scheduled meeting on 3 June 2015 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Present were Jeremiah Cuffey, Inetha Holmes, William Bell and the General Registrar Lisa Betterton.

The minutes from the 13 May 2015 meeting were read and a motion to approve was made by Ms. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Bell and unanimously approved.

The Secretary discussed the Board of Supervisors(BoS) action at their 21 May meeting approving the Electoral Board's request to move 1 census block from Hardy (Pons) to Carrsville (Zuni) eliminating a split precinct in Pons (14/18 Senatorial) as well as the elimination of the bubble along Nike Park Road between Newport and Windsor districts.

Mr. Bell stated that he had been unable to complete a letter to the BoS directed by the Electoral Board at its May meeting notifying them of the need to purchase new voting equipment and the plan for so doing.

Ms. Betterton presented and led a discussion on the voting systems of two of the vendors with equipment authorized for use in Virginia. The systems (2) offered by Dominion Voting Systems and represented by Atlantic Election services ranged in price from \$5700 to \$8400. IOW's current equipment is from these companies. The second system offered by ES&S has a cost of about \$9,000. The Dominion system uses printed ballots. The ES&S system uses ballot stock and prints the image from a touch screen onto the stock which is then fed to digital scanner. IOW has tested both Dominion systems in a previous election.

Both vendors, as well as the other two with Virginia certified equipment (ESO and Hart), will have displays at the ELECT training in July and Board members will review at that time.

Ms. Betterton said that staffing at the Rushmere precinct had become a problem. Ms. Huber had resigned as chief after many years and Ms. Barlow, her scheduled replacement, had become pregnant with a delivery date of 4 November. After some discussion it was decided that the board and registrar would develop several options for consideration at the July meeting.

Ms. Betterton provided an update on the new Electronic Poll Book software being fielded by ELECT. She suggested that we all take a look at the demo being provided at annual training in July and then make our decision for the November GE.

Mr. Bell opened a review of the GE for November 2015. June 9th at 7:00 PM is the filing deadline. To date there may be at least two candidates for the following offices: Sheriff, Commonwealth Attorney, Commissioner of Revenue, BoS Newport, BoS Windsor, BoS Smithfield, and School Board in Hardy and Smithfield. It was noted that this November should be a good run-up to the Presidential in 2016.

Mr. Bell moved "that the IOW Electoral Board convene in closed session to discuss the Annual Performance Review of the General Registrar pursuant to the

personnel exemption at 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the code of Virginia.” The motion was seconded by Ms. Holmes and unanimously approved by the board.

Prior to convening in closed session the board acknowledged the presence of Ms. Deborah Church, Chair of the IOW Democratic Party.

The board convened in closed session at 2:00 PM

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:15 PM. Mr. Bell asked each member to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under FOIA and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the board. Mr. Cuffey - Yes, Ms. Holmes - Yes, Mr. Bell -Yes.

Mr. Cuffey stated that a draft Performance Review had been completed and would be presented for approval at the July meeting. That action will also be in closed session as it is a personnel matter.

Mr. Cuffey stated during Good of the Order that he was considering retiring from the board at some point of his choosing after the November GE.

Mr. Bell moved adjournment which was seconded by Ms. Holmes and unanimously approved. The board adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman

Inetha Holmes, Vice Chairman

William Bell, Secretary

**Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
10 June 2015**

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held a scheduled meeting on 10 June 2015 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse to canvas the 9 June 14th Senatorial District Republican Primary. The Chairman

called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present were Jeremiah Cuffey, Inetha Holmes, William Bell and the General Registrar Lisa Betterton.

The first order of business was to determine the number of provisional voters and determine if their votes would be cast. There were no provisional votes cast.

We then proceeded to canvas the election results. After the canvas agreed with the results reported on election night by Chief Officers of Election. A total of 92 votes were cast in 4 precincts (Windsor, Walters, Carrsville and, Zuni. There were no votes cast in the Central Absentee Precinct. Turnout was 2%.

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The abstracts of the election were prepared and given to the General Registrar for dispatch to SBE and the Clerk of Court.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM

Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman

Inetha Holmes, Vice Chairman

William Bell, Secretary

**Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
1 July 2015**

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held a scheduled meeting on 1 July 2015 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:55 PM. Present were Jeremiah Cuffey, William Bell and the General Registrar Lisa Betterton. Inetha Holmes, Vice Chair was absent due to a family medical emergency.

The minutes from the 3 June and 10 June 2015 meeting were read and a motion to approve was made by Mr. Cuffey, seconded by Mr. Bell and unanimously approved.

Mr. Tom Janysek of PrintElect presented a demonstration of the ES&S Model DS 200 & the Express Vote touch screen voting systems. The features of the system were highlighted and the system appears to have been designed to make it extremely friendly for voting officials to set up and operate. A quote of \$210,050 which included a buy back at \$8,500 for our old system was given. This quote was for 22 systems. Mr. Janysek opined that a new hardware system should have a life expectancy of about 12 years.

Mr. Bell stated he had attended one GR/EB work group session on 30 June.

Ms. Betterton reviewed the agenda for the upcoming ELECT training 27-30 July. Ms. Holmes will attend the Boot Camp on Monday and stay for the remainder of training. Mr. Bell will attend the general sessions.

There was no new business.

Mr. Bell moved "that the IOW Electoral Board convene in closed session to discuss the Annual Performance Review of the General Registrar pursuant to the personnel exemption at 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the code of Virginia." The motion was seconded by Mr. Cuffey and unanimously approved by the board.

The board convened in closed session at 2:00 PM with Ms. Betterton.

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:15 PM. Mr. Bell asked each member to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under FOIA and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the board. Mr. Cuffey Yes, Mr. Bell Yes. Mr. Cuffey stated that a Performance Review had been completed and sign and that Ms. Betterton had been appointed for another 4 year term beginning 1 July 2015.

Mr. Bell moved adjournment which was seconded by Mr. Cuffey and unanimously approved. The board adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman

Inetha Holmes, Vice Chairman

William Bell, Secretary

**Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
5 August 2015**

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held a scheduled meeting on 5 August 2015 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. Present were Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman, Inetha Holmes, Vice Chairman, William Bell, Secretary, and the General Registrar Lisa Betterton.

The minutes from the 1 July 2015 meeting were read. With one change of tense noted ("Performance Review had been completed and sign and that Ms. Betterton had" ... sign changed to signed) a motion to approve was made by Ms. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Bell and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bell stated he had attended one GR/EB work group session on 27 July and the State Board of Elections meeting on 28 July. He had also attended the Annual Training workshop presented by ELECT. He indicated he had looked at the ESO display of Unisyn Voting System and that he was impressed with size and ease of set up. He suggested that the Board set up a demonstration as with PrintElect. The board unanimously agreed. He indicated that the SBE had opened two cans of worms. 1) Redesign of Voter Registration Form which had drawn about 40 speakers against and 2) had directed ELECT to direct the field to accept electronic signatures on AB request electronically submitted. Prince William County had received 38 forms submitted from same IP address which was causing alarm. Mr. Bell said he spoke to the second item requesting ELECT revisit the e signature issue.

Ms. Betterton discussed the upcoming Senior Health Fair scheduled for 1 October at Smithfield Center. The Registrar will man a booth at this event which will be able to handle all registration and ballot issues to include issuing Voter Picture IDs. All board members will attend as well.

Ms. Betterton stated that the Chief issue for the November General Election at Rushmere had been resolved. Mrs. Huber, the former chief, has agreed to serve that day and further train the new assistant chief. Mrs. Barlow, the current chief, cannot serve that day due to pregnancy.

Ms. Betterton presented the election services contract for next year from Atlantic Election Services. This was signed by Mr. Bell

The November General Election will have 12 different ballot styles. There are 7 split precincts in this election.

Under new business Mr. Bell asked about contracts with printers, specifically how the provisions of 24.-2 617-619 were being met. Ms. Betterton produced documents from printers which showed the procedure was being followed as required. Discussion revealed that board members had routinely seen the documents at each election but had not made the code association.

Mr. Bell moved "that the minutes reflect that the Oath of Printer, the Seal Affidavit, the Electoral Board Representative Oath and Affidavit and Certificate of Delivery have been received and reviewed and found to be in order for the

9 June 2015 Republican Primary from Ben Franklin Printing for 200 ballots “
Ms. Holmes seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Bell moved “that the minutes reflect that the Oath of Printer, the Seal Affidavit, the Electoral Board Representative Oath and Affidavit and Certificate of delivery have been received and reviewed and found to be in order for the 9 June 2015 Republican Primary from Service Printing for 1040 ballots “

Ms. Holmes seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Bell reported that at a recent event hosted for new cadets from the Tidewater area entering VMI he had asked a number of them if they were registered to vote and found perhaps 60% had not. He suggested that we needed to work on our 3 High Schools to increase awareness. Apparently this has dropped at SHS with retirement of the Government teacher Mr. Tenney.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:25.

Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman

Inetha Holmes, Vice Chairman

William Bell, Secretary

**Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
2 September 2015**

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held a scheduled meeting on 2 September 2015 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:58 PM. Present were Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman, Inetha Holmes, Vice Chairman, William Bell, Secretary, and the General Registrar Lisa Betterton.

The minutes from the 5 August 2015 meeting were read. With one change of tense noted (On line 7 of third paragraph change the exclamation mark to the figure 1) a motion to approve was made by Ms. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Bell and unanimously approved.

Secretary's Report. Mr. Bell stated he had attended one GR/EB work group session and the State Board of Elections meeting on 1 September. Information gleaned was that 1) ELECT had presented an updated Step by Step Recount manual for the board to review and action at its next meeting, 2) ELECT was sending its Electronic Poll Book team to the regions to explain the new system that will replace Advocate, 3) Several ELECT IT initiatives coupled with the PEW project to look at the state's performance in registrations and other areas. Mr. Bell said he was unsure as to how these data would be used i.e punitive or instructive. Comments from citizens and election officials included 1) that more time is needed to make changes in the process so that they can be trained. It is too late to change any procedure for November General Election in the larger jurisdiction as several training windows have been passed. 2) Perception is that ELECT is not passing out info about issues. General Registrars are learning issues from vendors and political parties rather than ELECT. Mr. George from Va. Voting Alliance stated that the guidance that the SBE had given ELECT to accept a typed signature in the signature block of the Absentee Ballot Application as an e signature was opening up the system to catastrophic fraud denying citizens the right to vote. A nefarious person could buy the registered voter list and fill out any number of request sent to any address such as a college. When the unsuspecting citizen offers to vote on Election Day he will have to vote a provisional since a ballot has been sent out and not returned or has been voted for him. Mr. Bell spoke to this issue as well citing the procedure of e signature used by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to register lobbyist.

General Registrar's Report. Ms. Betterton reminded the board of their commitment to attend the Senior Health Fair on 1 October. The GR will have a booth to do Picture IDs and register voters and accept absentee ballot request. She discussed a seminar that she had attended at the VRAV regional meeting where James City County presented several methods to speed up counting absentee ballots. The board agreed that we should try several of these in the Presidential Primary in March 2016. Ms. Betterton discussed the case filed by a Mr. Marcellus of Powhatan County in Federal

Court seeking to require all local candidates (Sheriff, Treasurer, etc.) to have party affiliation beside their name on the ballot. The hearing is 3 September with a ruling expected after the 8th. This could force IOW to reprint all of its ballots as they, as most jurisdictions have already been printed without party affiliation. Ms. Betterton asked that the 4th item on her report be moved to the end of the agenda. The chairman did so hearing no objections.

Old Business.

Mr. Bell moved that the board seek out other jurisdictions for ideas to formulate a selection process for new voting systems equipment. It was seconded by Ms. Holmes and approved unanimously.

New Business.

Mr. Bell stated that the 3rd Congressional District law suit would now go to a Master appointed by the court since the General Assembly had not acted by the 1 September deadline set by the court. Any number of possibilities exist. If IOW is not in a single district then election cost and complexity will increase. He said he had forwarded an e-mail to the Board of Supervisors alerting them of this. To date only response was from Mr. Casteen, Smithfield District.

Mr. Bell moved that the Board place a figure of \$250,000 in the budget (either Operating or CIP) for FY 2016-2017. These funds are for a new Digital scan voting system to replace the current Optical Scan system and Direct Recording Electronic system. The new system to be purchased and delivered in February 2017 for first use in June Primary if held. If Not then the 2017 General Election (Gubernatorial).

Ms. Betterton discussed the results of a Pay Grade study that the county had commissioned through a contractor. Since the office had been left out of an earlier study in 2009 she had worked with HR in preparing input to overcome this and bring her staff in alignment with similar positions in other departments. She was not pleased with the outcome and stated that if some remedy was not found at a conference this week she would file an appeal on behalf of staff. A healthy discussion ensued with the board agreeing to provide any support that it could in this process.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:25

Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman

Inetha Holmes, Vice Chairman

William Bell, Secretary

**Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
5 October 2015**

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held a scheduled meeting on 5 October 2015 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1 PM. Present were Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman, Inetha Holmes, Vice Chairman, William Bell, Secretary, and the General Registrar Lisa Betterton.

The minutes from the 2 September 2015 meeting were read. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Bell and unanimously approved.

Secretary's Report. The board reviewed the display of the ballots for all precincts. There are 12 ballot styles and 7 split precincts in this election.

Smithfield District: Ballot Style 1.

Newport District: Ballot Style 2.

Hardy District:

Rushmere -3rd Sen; Ballot Style 3

Rushmere and Pons -18th Sen; Ballot Style 10

Windsor District:

Courthouse, Longview, Windsor-18th Sen; Ballot Style 4

Windsor-14th Sen; Ballot Style 5

Longview-3rd Sen; Ballot Style 6

Carrsville District:

Walters, Carrsville, Zuni-14th Sen. & 64th House; Ballot Style 7

Camps Mill, Zuni, Raynor-18th Sen & 64th House; Ballot Style 8

Camps Mill- 18th Sen & 75th House; Ballot Style 11

Raynor- 3rd Sen; Ballot Style 9

Carrsville- 14th Sen & 75th House; Ballot Style 12

Mr. Bell stated that he had little to report due to cancellation of state level meetings. He did ask the General Registrar to find out who the county administration had appointed as the coordinator for ADA compliance. We need to leverage this person in all access issues with polling places.

General Registrar's Report. Ms. Betterton updated the board on the Lee et al vs SBE lawsuit which IOW has been subpoenaed for documents. All action is on hold until after the General Election. There is an issue with Chief at Camps Mill. Mr. Bradshaw cannot serve due to a work commitment and there is no one to take his place. Secretary Bell will monitor closely on Election Day. Election training dates are as follows: OEs 13 Oct, EPBs 20 Oct, Chiefs 27 Oct. Ms. Betterton said efforts at the fair, Senior's day and visit to Republican unit meeting have produced some new OEs.

Old Business.

Mr. Bell provided a straw man copy of letter to Board of Supervisors concerning funding of new voting machines for CY 2017. Discussion ensued with guidance for modifications.

New Business. None

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman

Inetha Holmes, Vice Chairman

William Bell, Secretary

**Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
4-6 November 2015
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The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held a scheduled meeting on 4 November 2015 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse to canvas the General Election held 3 November 2015. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9 AM. Present were Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman, Inetha Holmes, Vice Chairman, and William Bell, Secretary.

The first order of business was to act on the provisional ballots. There were 10 Provisional ballots submitted. Smithfield 2, Cypress Creek 1 (ID), Windsor 3 (ID), Longview 2 (1 ID), Walters 1, and Raynor 1 (ID). All non- IDs were given to Ms. Lonsdale, Deputy Registrar, for research.

The canvas of the results then began.

No irregularities were noted in Smithfield District.

In the Newport District Mr. Byron Bailey had conducted a write in campaign. This resulted in 26 votes in Bartlett, 119 in Carrollton, and 3 in the CAP for a total of 148 votes.

There were no irregularities in Hardy District.

In Windsor District,

At the Courthouse precinct an error was found in the results recorded telephonically of 190 votes for Senator Lucas in the 18th Senate race. The figure 27 had been recorded. Actual figure was 217. Possible misunderstanding of what was said.

At the Longview precinct, there had been tension generated by an election official about the write in campaign being mounted in the Newport District by Mr. Baily. Efforts to correct this throughout the day were unsuccessful to the detriment of the morale of the other officials. Both the Secretary and Vice Chair had noticed this during routine visits. The Precinct Chief, Mr. Amato, asked during turn in of materials after the polls closed that the individual not be assigned to his precinct in the future. All three board members were present in the room when this occurred. The matter was discussed while reviewing the Longview records and Mr. Bell moved that Mr. Joseph Puglisi not be used in any future elections in IOW county which was seconded by Ms. Holmes and passed unanimously.

There were no irregularities in Carrsville District or the CAP.

Provisional ballot status was updated by Ms. Lonsdale. Based on research presented for the non-IDs, 2 were accepted and will be cast. 3 were rejected.

With this report the board moved to recess at 2:30 until 12 noon on Friday 6 November.

The board reconvened at 12 noon on Friday 6 November. Present were Vice Chairman Inetha Holmes and Secretary William Bell. Chairman Jeremiah Cuffey was absent in hospital.

Disposition of the 10 provisional ballots; Smithfield, 1 cast and 1 rejected (not registered); Cypress Creek, 1 rejected (No ID); Windsor, 3 cast; Longview, 2 rejected (ID and wrong precinct); Walters, 1 cast; and Raynor, 1 rejected (ID). A total of 5 ballots were cast in the provisional precinct. The board opened the provisional precinct, cast the ballots, tallied the results, adjusted the election totals and had the Director of Elections print the abstracts from VERIS. The Abstracts were signed, authenticated, and distributed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

The Director of Elections was notified on Monday 9 November that due to the total number of write in votes in the 18th Senatorial District a Write in Certification would have to be prepared. This was totally unexpected and had not occurred in recent memory which covers 30 years. The Vice Chairman was departing on scheduled travel and the Chairman was at home awaiting surgery on Friday 13th of November. The Secretary was not available until 12 November. The Secretary William Bell and the Director of Elections, Ms. Betterton prepared the certification sheet. Mr. Bell, with all supporting documents traveled to the home of Mr. Cuffey the chairman around 1:00 PM and the two reviewed and signed the document. Mr. Bell affixed the seal and returned the document and supporting materials to Ms. Betterton for distribution.

Jeremiah Cuffey, Chairman

Inetha Holmes, Vice Chairman

William Bell, Secretary