

MINUTES
Electoral Board for Floyd County
9 November 2015

Chairman Dale Profitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Dale Profitt, Chairman, Mike Maslaney, Vice Chair, Tammy Belinsky, Secretary, Amy Ingram, Registrar. The following observers were present for the conduct of the canvass: Joan Slusher, Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court, John Hopkins, Floyd County Democratic Committee, Gene Bishop, Chair, Floyd County Republican Party

New Business:

Conduct of the Canvass of Votes for the General and Special Elections conducted in Floyd County, Virginia on November 8, 2016. Prior to the conduct of the Canvass, Tammy Belinsky addressed the display of a confederate flag with a gun depicted on the flag at the Courthouse district polling location on Election Day. As a result of voter complaints, a Sherriff's deputy was stationed at the door of the polls for the several hours that the display continued. Belinsky considers the display an act of voter intimidation pursuant to Virginia Code § 24.2-607, particularly since the Courthouse precinct may have the greatest percentage of voters of color, and we have two Officers of Election of color who serve at this polling place. Belinsky suggested that Voting Rights law has likely already established whether the display of a confederate flag represents actionable voter intimidation, that the results of the election will lead to more such displays in future elections, and that the Electoral Board should explore and understand its authority to cease intimidating activity pursuant to the Code.

Provisional votes were cast in the Locust Grove (101), Little River (201), Burks Fork (401), and Indian Valley (501) Districts. One provisional voter was added to the turnout and the tabulator tape readings were verified before the Board recessed the meeting indefinitely at 12:55 pm pending further research and the provision of photo IDs. Friday 11 November, 2016 is the Veterans' Day Holiday, therefore voters who voted provisionally for lack of photo ID have until Monday 14 November at noon to produce photo IDs.

The Canvass reconvened on Monday 14 November at 12 noon, with the following present: Chairman Dale Profitt, Vice Chairman Michael Maslaney, Registrar Amy Ingram and Deputy Clerk of Court Joan Slusher. Dale Profitt moved to appoint Michael Maslaney as Acting Secretary in the absence of Tammy Belinsky. Michael Maslaney seconded the motion which motion passed.

The Electoral Board went into closed session to conduct the Provisional Ballot meeting, although closing the session for the assessment of provisional voting status was not necessary because all persons present at the Canvass are authorized to be present.

The only matters discussed in closed session were the qualifications of provisional voters.

The Electoral Board returned to regular session and finalized the results and turnout of the November 8, 2016 General and Special Elections. The Electoral Board directed Registrar Ingram to produce the Abstracts.

Old Business: The Electoral Board asked Registrar Ingram to contact localities that used the Verity voting equipment in this election and get their feedback. The Electoral Board also would like Secretary Belinsky to draft a letter to Kerry Underwood concerning the late campaign finance reports using the guidance from the Virginia Department of Elections.

Next Meeting Date: December 5, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

S. Dale Profitt, Chair

Tammy L. Belinsky, Secretary

Michael Maslaney, Acting Secretary

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