

BLAND COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD  
Bland County Voter Registration and Elections Office  
PO Box 535  
Bland, VA 24315  
March 27, 2023

- Call meeting to order
  - Molly called the meeting to order at 2:03pm. 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 February 27, 2023 meeting:
  - Dot made the motion to approve the minutes from the 02/27/23 meeting
  - Brenda seconded the motion
  - All in favor, motion passed
- Closed session: Locality Election Security Standards (LESS) & Voting Equipment/EPB/IT Security Plans

§ 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) and the Voting Equipment/EPB/IT Security Plans; seconded by Dot.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Molly Thompson, Yes; Brenda Thompson, Yes; and Dorothy Kidd, Yes. The motion passed. Closed session begin- 2:05pm.

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 the Voting Equipment/EPB/IT Security Plans, 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; Brenda Thompson, Yes; and Dorothy Kidd, Yes. The motion passed. Closed session end- 2:17pm.

- Brenda made the motion to approve/reject the Voting Equipment/EPB/IT Security Plans for Bland County.
- Dot seconded the motion

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

■ Registrar informational items

-Chief Deputy Registrar Position

-Stacy informed the Board that she had 2 applicants and 1 inquiry about the position.

-Stacy appointed Cora Cagle to the position. Cora will begin working in the office April 3, 2023.

-Registrar's Leave Time

-Stacy informed the Board that per the Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Board of Supervisors, she has given the Human Resources Director, Linda Miller, her time and leave records. Due to being at the 'maximum' level of leave, Stacy will not accrue additional leave until her balances are lowered. To keep from losing leave time, Stacy informed the Board that now that she has a full-time employee in the office, with the Board's consent, she will be taking time off/working flexible hours this Spring/Summer.

-The entire Electoral Board was very supportive of Stacy taking the leave she has accrued. Molly said that in her position she is always 'on-call' whether she is in or out of the office (checking/returning emails and phone calls and anything else that occurs). Her Deputy can reach her at all times for questions/issues but there is no reason that she should not be able to take her available time off...Brenda and Dot agreed.

-April 11-12 and April 24-25

-Stacy informed the Board that she will need to be off these dates due to her having to travel to doctor's appointments. She will access Cora's comfort level at being in the office alone during this time. If Stacy feels that Cora is not ready to be left alone, she will close the office to the public. Cora will still be in the office but will be continue to complete 'training' for her duties, per [§24.2-411](#).

-Budget Meeting

-Stacy informed the Board that the Board of Supervisors will hold a forum to hear requests of the departments on April 12, 2023 beginning at 3:00pm.

-Stacy spoke with Teresa and was told that appointments are encouraged but anyone that wanted to speak could 'show-up' and try to get time to speak with the BOS. Stacy said if the Board wanted her to make an appointment for them that she would but that she will only be available to speak to the BOS by telephone on that day.

-The Board decided that they would not attend this session.

-Primary Election

-Stacy informed the Board that a Democratic Primary for Senate (005) and House of Delegates (043) has been called. The candidate filing deadline is April 6<sup>th</sup> and the deadline for political party certification of qualified primary candidates with date, time of filing, and that a minimum number of petition signatures were found for each is April 11<sup>th</sup>. If only one member of the party qualifies, s/he is designated as the party's nominee and no primary is needed.

■ Other business

-Set date for next meeting

-If we have a Primary we will need to meet to complete the Logic and Accuracy testing of the voting equipment. Stacy will speak to the machine technician to see what date works best for him and let the Board know.

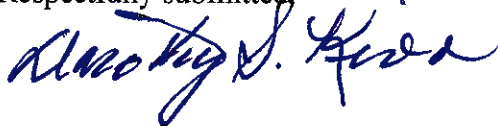
-If we don't have a Primary the next meeting will need to be in May or June...this meeting will be for the reappointment of the Registrar.

-The Board set the meeting date/time for: May 22, 2023 at 2:00pm.

■ Adjourn meeting

-There being no further business Molly adjourned the meeting at: 2:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dorothy S. Kidd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dorothy S. Kidd, Secretary  
Electoral Board of Bland County