BLAND COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

Bland County Voter Registration and Elections Office PO Box 535 Bland, VA 24315 May 22, 2023

- Call meeting to order
 - -Molly called the meeting to order at 2:13pm. 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
 - -Molly seconded the motion
 - -All in favor, motion passed
- Approve minutes from March 27, 2023 meeting:
 - -Dot made the motion to approve the minutes from the 03/27/23 meeting
 - -Brenda seconded the motion
 - -All in favor, motion passed
- Closed session: General Registrar/Director of Elections appointment and Locality Election Security Standards (LESS) Remediation Plan Review
- § 2.2-3711. Closed meetings authorized for certain limited purposes.

-§ 2.2-3705.1 (1. personnel matter, General Registrar/Director of Elections appointment) and 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 § 2.2-3705.1 (1. personnel matter, General Registrar/Director of Elections appointment) and § 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) Remediation Plan Review; seconded by Molly.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Molly Thompson, <u>Yes</u>; Brenda Thompson, <u>Yes</u>; and Dorothy Kidd, <u>Yes</u>. The motion passed. Closed session start- 2:15pm.

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 General Registrar/Director of Elections appointment and Locality Election Security Standards (LESS) Remediation Plan Review, and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.; seconded by Dot.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Molly Thompson, <u>Yes</u>; Brenda Thompson, <u>Yes</u>; and Dorothy Kidd, <u>Yes</u>. The motion passed. Closed session end-2:27pm.

- -Brenda made the motion to reappoint Stacy Tibbs Grady as the General Registrar/Director of Elections for Bland County for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2023.
- -Molly seconded the motion

Roll call vote: Molly: <u>Yes</u> Brenda: <u>Yes</u> Dot: <u>Yes</u>

- Registrar informational items
 - -Chief Deputy Registrar Position
 - Stacy informed the Board that Cora Cagle began working in the office April 3, 2023. Cora has been enthusiastic and eager to learn the position. Stacy believes that she is an asset to the office.
 - -Registrar's Leave Time

-Stacy informed the Board that after a few weeks in the office, Cora was comfortable enough in her role for Stacy to start taking some of her leave time. Stacy is always 'on-call' and available if Cora needs her and has called and/or returned to the office a few times since. It is an arrangement that works well for them both.

- -Primary Election
- -Stacy informed the Board that we will not be having a Primary Election in Bland County this year.
- -Candidate Update
- -Stacy informed the Board that candidate filings have been steady this year. There is plenty of interest and we should have some contested races on the ballot.
- Other business
 - -Set date for next meeting
 - -After discussion, the Board decided June 20, 2023 at 2:00pm will be the date/time for our next meeting.
- Adjourn meeting
 - -There being no further business Molly adjourned the meeting at 2:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy S. Kidd, Secretary Bland County Electoral Board

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