

Cumberland Electoral Board Meeting
Minutes
March 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, Lloyd Martin, at 10:04 AM.

Those in attendance: Lloyd Martin, Thomas Alvis, Van Petty and Marlene Watson, County Registrar.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were corrected to read that, Thomas Alvis spoke with Ron Tavernier, District 2 Board of Supervisors member and not the district 2 Fire Chief. A motion was made by Thomas Alvis to approve the minutes of the February meeting. By unanimous vote the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

No visitors were present at the meeting.

The County Registrar reported that:

The state redistricting is not complete. Marlene said the State Board of Elections will let her know once the process is complete. It appears that Cumberland County will move from the 61st House of Delegates District to the 56th and the State Senate District will move from the 22nd to the 10th District. Cumberland will remain in the 5th Congressional District.

There are changes to the proposed boundary lines between districts two and three in Cumberland due to redistricting. Marlene said she is waiting on guidance from the County and State before notifying the effected voters.

The new Commissioner of Elections is Susan Beals.

There will be a June primary for the Democratic Party on June 21st. The Republicans will hold a convention in June. Therefore, they will not have a primary.

The Cumberland Commonwealth Attorney, Patricia Scales, resigned effective April 1, 2022. The Circuit Court Judge appointed Wendy Hannah to serve until the special election is held in November's general election.

She is in the process of hiring a part-time assistant for her office.

Marlene stated that her four-year term ends June 30, 2023.

The Electoral Board terms are as follows:

Van Petty – 2019-2022

Lloyd Martin – 2020-2023

Thomas Alvis – 2022-2024 (Completing a term)

The county voting machines were purchased from Dominion in 2017 and the laptops were purchased in 2018 and updated March 8, 2022.

The county registrar supervises the safety of voting equipment.

All polling locations are in compliance with ADA.

Early voting for the June Primary will start May 6th and the two Saturdays before the June 21st Primary from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the County Registrar's Office.

The county registrar stated that she ordered 10 percent more ballots than what are needed to cover any unusual issues.

Marlene gave a copy of the county's cyber security policy to each Electoral Board member.

Thomas Alvis reported that he attended the Annual State Electoral Board Conference at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia on March 19, 2022. He stated that he received some great training and shared a copy of a PowerPoint he received on conducting Electoral Board Meetings. He also discussed voter ID for voting, listing the last four numbers of a person's social security number on a candidate's petition of eligible voters and the witness of signature (undecided).

During unfinished business, the relocation of district 2 voting present was discussed. Marlene stated that the County Administrator, Derek Stamey and Tom Perry, EMS, wanted to meet with her and the Electoral Board members (that could attend) at 1:00 PM today to further discuss the relocation of District 2 voting present. Thomas Alvis and Van Petty agreed to attend with Marlene. It will be a challenge to find a place in District 2 that meets the state's requirements for relocating a voting present. /

During the discussion of new business: It was moved by Thomas Alvis to table identifying and clarifying the duties of the General Registrar until the April meeting of the Electoral Board. Thomas Alvis moved that Electoral Board request county email addresses. After much discussion, the motion was defeated. Van Petty and Lloyd Martin voted against the motion and Thomas Alvis voted in favor. The next order of business was the discussion concerning conducting monthly meeting of the Electoral Board. After much discussion, it was agreed that the Electoral Board would meet as needed to conduct the business of the Electoral Board. Thomas Alvis moved that the Electoral Board minutes be stored in the Registrar's Office. By unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

There were no public comments.

The next meeting will be April 26, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.