

# **BOTETOURT COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD**

## **May 4, 2023**

On May 4, 2023, a special called meeting of the Botetourt County Electoral Board was held in the Registrar's office in Fincastle. All members of the Board were present. Also present were Traci Clark, the GR/DOE, and John Alexander, the Commonwealth's Attorney for Botetourt County. Chairman John Rader called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Secretary Buck Heartwell then thanked Mr. Alexander for attending the meeting. Buck explained that Traci and the Board had received several complaints from citizens about whether one of the local candidates currently running for office was in compliance with the residency requirements for the office set out in Code of Virginia and elsewhere. Buck went on to relate such facts and allegations as were known to him, and Traci explained the interactions which the candidate had had with her office. She also provided Mr. Alexander with copies of relevant written records relating to the candidate.

Mr. Alexander indicated that he had previously been made aware of the problem. He and the Board entered into a discussion about the level of proof that was generally necessary to justify a criminal investigation. Following this discussion, the Board formally asked Mr. Alexander to ask the State Police to investigate. He indicated that he would do so.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Buck Heartwell  
Secretary