

# **BOTETOURT COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD**

## **October 13, 2022**

On October 13, 2022, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Botetourt County Electoral Board was held in the Registrar's Office in Fincastle. All members of the Board were present, as was Traci Clark, the GR/DOE. Chairman John Rader called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

Vice-Chairman Steve Vaughn then moved to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022, meeting, which had been previously submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Traci then reported that voter notices had been mailed out by the State to all registered voters in Botetourt County. The purpose of the notice was to inform each voter of his/her voting precinct, some of which had changed because of redistricting. 265 notices had been returned as undeliverable because they had been sent to physical addresses which were not valid mailing addresses. The Registrar's Office corrected these addresses and re-mailed the affected notices.

Traci also reported that she had recently received 425 "motor voter" registration applications from DMV. These were part of a state-wide failure by that agency to timely transmit the applications to the appropriate office. Traci said that her office has now placed the new registrants into VERIS, but this had been a very time-consuming task which had placed great demands on her staff.

Absentee voting was ongoing. Her office had processed 869 absentee by mail ballots to date, Traci said. There had been 587 absentee in-person ballots cast. 20 PEOS will assist with early voting. 80 PEOS would be needed on Election Day and these workers had all been identified and duly assigned. PEO training would take place on October 18<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Traci then reviewed the deadlines which would accrue during the run-up to the November 8<sup>th</sup> election. She also gave the Board a very helpful explanation of how the Same Day Registration (SDR) law would work.

The Board then confirmed that it would next convene on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. and that the Canvass would take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 pm. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Buck Heartwell, Secretary