

Dorchester County Board of Elections and Registration

November 10, 2017

Observer: Vicki Westberg

Meeting Highlights

Certification of H113 was completed at 10:10 AM and meeting called to order @ 10:15 AM.

Veterans Recognition: There was a short recognition for Veterans.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None

Director's Report

- Election Day Feedback: Mr. Billman shared election day feedback from poll managers and election clerks.
 - Most concerns had to do with adjusting to software for two separate elections on the same day. It was decided that clerks will receive additional training to better anticipate issues particular to their office before the next election.
 - Board Members will attend 2018 SCARE conference.
- Voting Machines: Mr. Billman will make request for funds to augment the entire fleet of voting machines, add three absentee locations and maintenance on all equipment. The fleet is aging; some parts are still being made but most repairs are done by cannibalization of older retired machines. The State plan is to see what new technology is available in 2018 & 2019 before allocating funds. Need make equipment last until 2020. Cost saving ideas were discussed as well as a suggestion to share ideas with other county directors.

Unfinished Business: No news yet on new Board members.

New business: Comments/Ideas to identify & address challenges from election day:

- Many voters were confused about who and what they were voting for.
- Consider posting clear district maps at polling places.
- Many candidate signs were placed too close to polling locations as well as too far outside their district leading to voter confusion about who they were eligible to vote for.
- Candidates need training re. rules for signs
- Difficult access at schools that were in session. Beech Hill in particular. Find out if D-2 school district would consider scheduling a Teacher Work Day on odd year election days.

Adjourned at 10:55AM