

Amherst Electoral Board – Draft Minutes on March 6, 2023

The Amherst County Electoral Board held its meeting of the Registrar's Office at the Amherst Courthouse.

Members present were: Teresa Almond, Chairman, and Wanda Spradley, Secretary and Fran Brown, Registrar. Charles Nalls was absent due to previous committment

Guest: Sam Soghr, Amherst County Democratic Chairman

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Teresa Almond.

The first order of business was to reorganize the board.

Teresa Almond nominated Wanda Spradley as Secretary of Electoral Board. All was voted and approved.

Wanda Spradley nominated Teresa Almond as Chairman of Electoral Board. All was voted and approved.

Wanda Spradley nominated Charles Nalls as Vice-Chairman of Electoral Board. All was voted and approved.

Public Comment Section

Sam Soghr asked if the Electoral Board and Registrar consider opening on Sunday for voting referencing "Souls to the Polls" a possibility.

The Registrar and the EB Board both agreed that opening on Sunday is not feasible based on budget and interest. He is the first request to ask about Sunday opening for voters. The Registrar also stated the office is open 5 days a week and the two Saturday's before election day. Over 900 absentee ballots are mailed before the start of early voting/absentee voting each election due to permanent request for Absentee ballots. She sees a lot of waste due to ballots not being returned, postage that are used to mail them because they have to be tracked and stamps for returned envelopes to mail ballots back.

Registrar's Report

Fran has received information on two candidates running for the Town Special Election: Kenneth Watts and Douglas Thompson.

No interest at this time for the other positions, as of yet. She hopes no one waits until the last minute because each candidate has to have 125 valid signatures for name be placed on the ballot and her office will have to check each signature as a registered Amherst County voter. The deadline is June 20, 2023 the same day as the Democratic Primary and she will be very busy with both.

There will be 16 different ballot styles for November.

Sheriff

Treasurer

Commissioner of Revenue

Clerk of Court

Commonwealth Attorney

State Senate and State Delegate

Soil and Water Conservation

Board of Supervisors – District 1, 3 and 4

School Board – At Large

Hart, our voting machine vendor will now charge for test ballots to conduct Logistics and Accuracy (L&A) testing.

Next Meeting - April 3, 2023