

MATHEWS COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
10:00 AM APRIL 2, 2024
ELECTIONS OFFICE

Chairperson Thorpe called the meeting to order @ 10:02.
Present: Thorpe, Bohn, GR Faulkner.

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss and react to takeaways from the 2024 VEBA conference in March, attended by all three Mathews EB members.

Members discussed new signage pertaining to the 40-foot "No Campaigning" line. The board directed Faulkner to order a 5-pack of new No Campaigning signs.

10:08: Zych arrives.

Minutes for the Feb. 1 meeting were approved as amended and minutes for the March 2 meeting were approved, both by a 3-0 vote.

VEBA ANNUAL TRAINING 7 OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSION:

Based on expectations of heavy voting and high Same Day Registration, the Board feels the need to assign a Deputy specifically to handle SDRs at each of the three precincts.

The "plastic overlay" in-use in several localities to assist with the filling-out (and preventing mistakes) of the SDR form/envelope provoked interest. Faulkner will get one to be examined at the next EB meeting and decision made then as to its use.

Faulkner will check on reported significant leaks at the MHS auditorium and the leaks' possible impact on the Piankatank precinct November election set-up. She will also clarify MCPS's plan and timetable to remedy to situation. At Piankatank, the June primary will be conducted in the hallway, due to low expected turnout.

Faulkner has included \$30,000 in CIP to purchase required voting machines in 2027.

The fact that many localities use part-time rather than full-day election officers on election day will be explored for Mathews County. If more "part-timers" are willing to serve as Officers of Election the Board will implement their use.

The Board will open each precinct's envelope 2 on Election night upon receipt from precincts, to verify all required signatures are present.

Mathews County appears to be the only Virginia locality without a full-time Assistant General Registrar. With the increased early voting periods, the lack of such an officer makes the simultaneous early voting and election preparation and routine office operation extremely difficult. Additionally, the lack of a full-time, "up-to-speed" assistant makes the possibility of the GR dealing with an illness or emergency during elections risky. Faulkner's inclusion of a Deputy GR in her draft budget was approved.

should first indicate the types of questions to be asked. Additionally, it was agreed that if accepted, all EB members should attend.

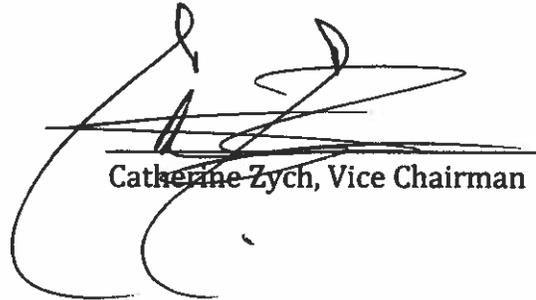
At 12:07, Bohn motioned, and Thorpe seconded for adjournment. Motion passed 3-0

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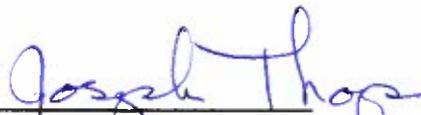
Jeff Bohn, Mathews County Electoral Board secretary
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Jeff Bohn, Secretary



Catherine Zych, Vice Chairman



Josephine Thorpe, Chairman