

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met in Room 118 of the Cumberland County Courthouse at 1:00PM for their regular monthly meeting.

Present: Floyd W. Johnson, Jr., Chairman
Bobby Swilley, Member
Helen Nelson, Member

Linda Devore, Secretary
Irene Grimes, Member
Terri Robertson, Director

Staff: Angie Amaro

Chairman Floyd Johnson called the meeting to Order at 1:00PM and presented the Agenda.

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
Seconded and passed unanimously.

Director Robertson announced there are no members of the public signed up for comments.

ACTION: Secretary Devore presented minutes of the August 18, 2020 Board meeting for approval.
Approved unanimously.

Director Robertson reported that though we had planned to consider approval of MAT [Multi-partisan Assistance Team] members today, we have been unable to complete training. Team members must be trained before they can be appointed. Therefore, we need to consider delaying those appointments until our next meeting, perhaps at our scheduled September 29th Absentee Meeting.

MATs are available for voters in assisting living and residential nursing facilities to assist with registration, absentee ballot requests, marking ballots, and they may also witness ballots. MATs may visit a facility multiple times to assist with the various steps in the voting process. We hope to have up to 10 MATs of two members each available this year to meet demand. We have reached out to many of our experienced precinct officials, though those working early voting may not be available when we need them for MAT work, and some are unwilling during the pandemic.

Secretary Devore asked that the Director send lists of trained workers to Board Members of their respective parties so that Board Members may assist with MAT nominations, as required by the administrative rules for appointments.

Director Robertson reported that we are already receiving absentee ballots by mail, in person, and some overseas. We mailed 14,879 absentee ballots last Friday, and voters began receiving them on Saturday. We were able to mail to all requests received through Thursday, as well as some received Friday morning. We were initially unable to get as many temporary workers as

we needed, so we are very grateful to Sally Shutt and staff from county offices, who helped get this done on time. Absentee requests are still coming in, about 400-500 today.

Chairman Johnson and other board members joined in thanking Sally Shutt and county employees for their help meeting our deadline to mail Absentee Ballots last Friday, and their continued help and support with the absentee process.

Director Robertson reported that about 400 of our experienced election workers will be returning this year, but we still need more Republicans and unaffiliated workers to staff precincts on Election Day.

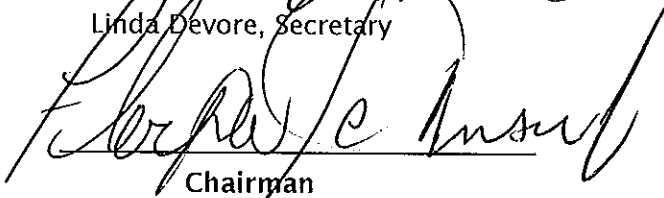
ACTION: Chairman Johnson moved to table the approval of MAT members at the request of the Director.
Seconded and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 PM.

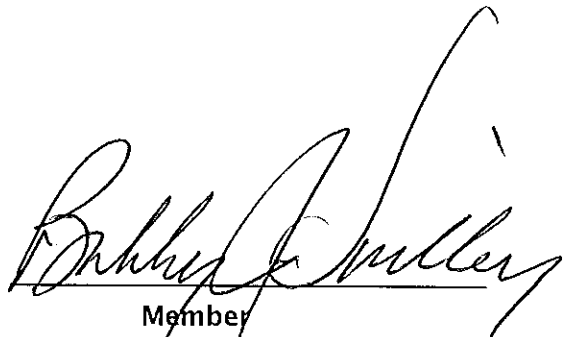
Next scheduled monthly meeting: September 29th, 9:00AM at the Board of Elections office.

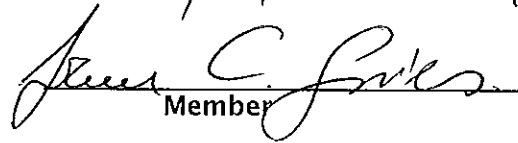
Submitted by,


Linda Devore, Secretary


Chairman


Member


Member


Member

Director