

Augusta County Electoral Board Meeting
Augusta County Government Center
Registrar's Office Board Room
September 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM. Present were Ruth Talmage, chair; Cliff Garstang, vice chair; Tom Long, secretary; and Connie Messick, general registrar.

Cliff moved to approve minutes from the September 9 meeting. Ruth seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Connie reported on the hiring of PT/FT Assistant. She and Faith interviewed four candidates and all were acceptable. One candidate stood out, the selection was made, and the job will be offered by the end of this week. It is hoped that she will start on Tuesday of next week.

Connie opened a discussion about absentee voting and having the door between the PCU and voting stations open with some sort of partition gate or Dutch door for security while allowing PCU operator and voter to communicate. She is working with maintenance staff to have appropriate changes in place by September 23.

Tom moved to approve four new officers on list dated 9/14/2016 to terms concurrent with other officers. Ruth seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ruth reported on the setup at Dooms/Crimora. Ruth will meet with school staff and Stanley Houff and others to coordinate setting up and restoration of the room.

At Ruth's suggestion, the board discussed security of the PCU and the mailed-in ballots. Connie will explore adding bars/gates over the exterior window in the equipment storage room. That room has a badge swipe security system on the door. Both ballots and the PCU will be stored there overnight and over weekends.

The board recessed at 10:20 AM for phone calls. The board reconvened at 10:32 AM.

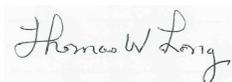
Tom raised questions about our separate lists for officers and alternate offices and why we need different lists and the impacts of combining the lists. We also discussed other information, such as willingness to work out of precinct, that may be helpful. No action was taken and this issue will be revisited before February 2017 when we appoint officers for a new term.

Cliff reported that *Cooperative Living* magazine had a good article on absentee voting. However, there was a error about the deadline for ballots. Cliff wrote a letter to the magazine correcting the error which they printed as a letter to the editor.

The board discussed various aspects of recruiting and assigning officers for November 8.

The next meeting will be October 3 at 1:00 PM following the L&A testing.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Long, secretary