

9 January 2017

The Rockbridge County Electoral Board met on the above date at 10:10 am in the meeting room of the Rockbridge County General Registrar's Office. Present at the meeting were Harry Stone, Maxwell Caskie, Whitney Huffman, and General Registrar Marilyn Earhart.

The General Registrar presented the proposed FY 2017 budget. The Board went over each line item and the justification for each. It was the opinion of the Board that line item 1006 be increased an additional \$3,000 (\$24,000 to \$27,000) due to a potential need for more election officials for the upcoming election in November. With the new paper ballots and voting machines the Board felt it might be necessary to have an additional official at the busiest precincts during high turnout elections such as presidential, federal and gubernatorial elections. Whitney Huffman made a motion to approve the budget with the increase of \$3,000 to line item 1006. Max Caskie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter of response from Robert Molinaro regarding his absentee voting in Rockbridge County this past election while at the same time registering to vote in York County. Mr. Molinaro explained that his wife was told by York County election officials that when he registered in York County that would nullify his absentee ballot in Rockbridge County. He is now living in York County. The Board accepted the letter of explanation. No further action will be taken at this time.

The Board agreed to meet again on 1 February 2017 to appoint officers for 2017. Harry Stone's term is up this year, and he stated that he will be willing to serve again. Max Caskie will relay this to the Democratic Party chair who must submit the appointment recommendation by January 15, 2017.

Max Caskie brought up the status of the Falling Springs precinct. Marilyn Earhart had sent an earlier email to the Virginia Department of Elections which included pictures of the site for their input on the location and its suitability. To-date there has been no response. She will follow up with another email. In the meantime, she will also check with the Natural Bridge Volunteer Fire Department and see if they would be willing to host that precinct along with the Plank Road precinct, which already is currently housed there.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 am.

Harry J. Stone

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Harry Stone, Chairman

Maxwell Caskie

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Maxwell Caskie, Vice-Chairman

Whitney Huffman

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Whitney Huffman, Secretary