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**DORCHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

We gave The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag led by Mrs. Janet Livingston, and a prayer was shared by Mr. Bill Batson.

MINUTES OF March 16, 2016

At 2:15 PM, President Janet Livingston called the meeting to order. Mr. Michael Detmer moved that the minutes of February 17, 2016 be accepted as presented; motion was seconded by Mr. William Batson; the vote was unanimous to approve.

ATTENDEES: Janet M. Livingston, President
Thomas M. Corkran, Vice President
Michael W. Detmer, Secretary
William E. Batson, Substitute
Hubert H. Wright, IV, Attorney
Gwendolyn H. Dales, Election Director
Kimberly K. Jones, Elections Info Systems Specialist

GUEST: Desvin Gabbidon

BOARD OF CANVASSERS: Amy J. Craig Clerk of Court swore in the Board and staff for the upcoming primary election.

RESIGNATION OF TERRY ROBBINS: Mrs. Livingston announced that Board Member Terry Robbins had resigned. Mr. Michael Detmer will move up as a full board member. Mrs. Livingston stated the Republican Central Committee is working on a replacement to fill the substitute position.

COMMUNICATIONS: (1) Copy of cumulative expenditures for February and a copy of aggregate year-to-date for each line item through February 29, 2016; (2) copy of an article from the Baltimore Sun stating MD congressional candidate David Trone is suing Maryland over ballot issue.; (3) Copy of an article from the Washington Post Candidate David Trone says machines for the disabled voters are "unfit"., (4) Copy of article and House Bill 1007 pertaining to Universal Registration., (5) Copy of a memo from Gail Hatfield from MAEO with updates for the upcoming conference.

JUDGES TRAINING: Director Dales informed the Board that all Judges Training was over. Mrs. Janet Livingston started with helping Genevieve Cannon with pollbook training. When our county tech started he took over this task for the remaining trainings.

EARLY VOTING: Director Dales stated that the conference table had been taken down with Early Voting starting and all the equipment that would be coming into the office during this time. She reminded the board of Early Voting dates April 14th – April 21st.

2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION: Director Dales reminded the Board that Election Day was April 26, 2016. I have reserved this room for the whole day, so you can meet here in Rm. 110 on Election Day morning to get polling place evaluation forms before going out for the day. Director Dales stated that we were planning a midday pickup of the blue ballot bins. Mr. Corkran asked about memory cards.

Director Dales explained that there will be one thumb drive for each scanning unit and 2 CF cards for each pollbook being deployed. Director Dales announced that L & A dates are April 7th and 8th, the canvass dates are April 28th, May 4th, and May 6th. Mr. Batson informed the board that he would not be in town for the May 4th canvass. Comment was made that it was going to be the first election without Bobbie Hall in the office. Director Dale has asked for Mrs. Hall to come in on Election Day to help with the phones and she has agreed. We will also have Mr. Stan Cropper and Mr. Wyzhir Johnson here to work. We really need 2 people at the warehouse due to the size and weight of the new equipment.

BALLOT MARKING DEVICE: Director Dales explained that the lawsuit regarding the BMD is due to all names not fitting on one page and you have to scroll through several pages to get through all the candidates for one race. It seems that the lawsuit is dying down.

UNIVERSAL REGISTRATION: Director Dales informed the board that we are moving to Universal Registration after the 2016 election. What this means is that everyone will automatically be registered. It is going to be a lot more paperwork for the office. Mrs. Hall warned us that this was coming.

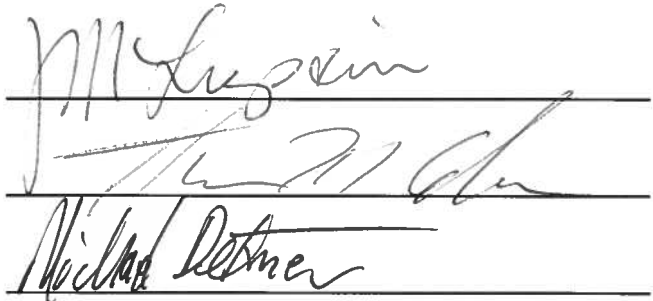
MAEO: Director Dales announced that Queen Anne's County will be hosting the MAEO conference this year at the Hyatt here in Dorchester. This works out better for us because of our Cambridge primary on June 14th.

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION: Director Dales explained during the public demonstration there will not be a parallel testing. It will be similar to L & A testing. It will be held here in the lobby of the County Office building at 10 am on April 12th.

CAMBRIDGE MUNICIPAL ELECTION: ES&S has given the State Board permission to use the leased equipment as long as our equipment has been released from the primary or if we have enough spare units. There will be added cost for delivery of the equipment. Right now we are not sure we will even have a primary. Cambridge has informed us that there is only one candidate per ward has filed so far. There was discussion on the hardship to our office doing these elections between the presidential elections. They mentioned they would look into having their election on our presidential ballots. Mrs. Livingston asked about Hurlock's election. She said it was worth a phone call.

SCHEDULING & ADJOURNMENT: The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, June 15, 2016. There being no further business, Mr. Thomas Corkran moved that this meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Michael Detmer; the vote was unanimous to adjourn.

APPROVED:

Three handwritten signatures are written on three horizontal lines. The top signature is 'M. Lugin', the middle one is 'Thomas Corkran', and the bottom one is 'Michael Detmer'.