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

ATTENDEES: Janet M. Livingston, President
Thomas M. Corkran, Vice President
Michael W. Detmer, Secretary
William Batson, Substitute
Ralph C Lewis, Jr., Substitute
Hubert H. Wright, IV, Attorney
Gwendolyn H. Dales, Election Director
Kimberly K. Jones, E.I.S.S

MINUTES OF December 14, 2016

1. **Call to Order and determine quorum:** At 1:00 PM, President Livingston called the meeting to order. The Board convened to the Board of Canvassers. Director Dales presented an untimely ballot and recommended it be rejected. Mr. Corkran made a motion to reject the untimely ballot, Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Director Dales presented the Canvass minutes for approval. President Livingston and Secretary Lewis signed all the canvas minutes.

Director Dales explained that in the audit performed by Clear Ballot, we had zero variances in each column, nothing stood out and there were no issues for Dorchester. Mr. Detmer wanted to know how much this costs. Director Dales will follow up with that information.

The Board then convened to the regular board meeting.

2. **Welcome any guest(s); report any Board or staff absences:** No guests; no Board or staff absences.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Corkran moved that the minutes of September 21, 2016 be accepted as presented; Mr. Batson seconded motion; the vote was unanimous to approve.
4. **Addition(s) to Agenda:** Mr. Detmer added personnel to the closed meeting.
5. **Election Director's Report:**
 - a. New Projects

2. Director Dales informed the Board that the office adopted a family for Christmas. Mr. Corkran contributed 20 dollars towards the food.

3. FY2018 Budget & Revisions: President Livingston asked for a breakdown of items 5216, 5191, and 5210, including each employee's salary. A budget work session was scheduled for January 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM in Room 110.

b. News from SBE & Old Business

4. Andy Harris: Director Dales informed the Board that if Andy Harris is selected by President Elect Trump to head the NIH, there would need to be a special election in Congressional District 1.

c. FYI

5. Began Quarterly Judges' Gazette: Director Dales informed the Board that Jessica developed a quarterly newsletter for the judges.

6. Election Clerk Duties: Director Dales informed the Board that they could find, in their packets, the job duties for the election clerk for the past months. Also, that she sent Jessica to Washington County for a recount.

7. Articles; Including Kane Article: Director Dales informed the Board she had received a letter from Kane stating that they are going out of business. The future and cost for this service is unknown.

6. New Business:

- Results from 2016 Presidential General Election & Best Practices Discussion

The Board expressed their concern over the following items:

- Discrepancy's in the Judges' Logs
- Problems at Early Voting
- Primary sample ballots hanging up at the polls
- 2 Spoiled ballots in Provisional bags
- Provisional Judges not staying with ballots
- Drinks on the ballot table
- BMD's not placed in areas conducive to voter privacy
- One Chief Judge at Hurlock Elementary struggled with position
- No keys in Bucktown

Director Dales informed the Board of the former County Tech's errors, and assured them every effort would be made to make sure these problems didn't happen again. President Livingston requested something on how these problems will be fixed. Mr. Detmer suggested using Chief Judges during Early Voting, after witnessing a Chief Judge fix a problem with a scanner, who'd stated he'd experienced the same problem during Early Voting. There was discussion about hiring our own county tech for the next election.

7. Confirmation of Next Meeting:

- Proposed to be held in Room #110, County Office Building on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 @ 4:00 PM. It was decided the next meeting would be at 1:00 PM on January 25, 2017.

8. Closed Session:

- Performance Evaluation

9. Adjournment:

Mr. Corkran moved that this meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Lewis; the vote was unanimous to adjourn.

APPROVED:

Michael Detmer

John Walsh

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