

MEETING of the Greenbelt Board of Elections held February 21, 2017.

Pamela Gregory, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

Board Members Present: Chair Pamela Gregory and Members Jean Cook, Judy Ott and Patricia Evans. Steven Gilbert joined the meeting by conference call.

Staff Present: Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Others Present: Colin Byrd.

Minutes of Prior Meetings: It was moved by Ms. Ott and seconded by Ms. Cook that the minutes of the November 24, 2015, meeting be approved as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

2017 Election Calendar: The Board reviewed the 2017 election calendar.

Polling Places: It was moved by Ms. Ott and seconded by Ms. Cook to designate the following polling locations for the 2017 election: Precinct 3, Community Center (Gym); Precinct 6, Police Station (Multipurpose Room); Precinct 8, Springhill Lake Recreation Center (Club House); Precinct 13, Greenbriar Community Building (Terrace Room), and Precinct 18, Schrom Hills Park Building. The motion carried 5-0.

Voting Machines/Electronic Poll Books: The Board suggested retaining the same vendor (Electec) for absentee and early voting ballots, as well as their technician for scanning of absentee and early voting ballots on election night. It was requested a demonstration of voting machines offered by Electec be scheduled if possible. Ms. Gregory and Ms. Cook advised that they will be attending an ES&S voting machine/epoll book demonstration at the City of Laurel on February 23rd.

Compensation for Judges and Clerks: It was moved by Ms. Cook and seconded by Ms. Ott that the compensation for judges and clerks for the 2017 election remain the same as in the 2015 election. The motion carried 5-0.

Other Items: Mr. Byrd suggested out of precinct voting be allowed. He mentioned a problem he had experienced in the 2015 election when he went to the wrong precinct to vote. After discussion, it was noted that Mr. Byrd had not actually gone into the precinct but had spoken to a candidate outside the location. Ms. Gregory noted the efforts taken by the Board to assure all voters are accommodated. She mentioned that if he had expressed a problem (transportation, time, etc) to a Judge or Clerk at the precinct, they would have notified the Board. She commented that the Board takes extra efforts to accommodate all people wishing to cast a vote, including arranging transportation (if necessary) to the proper polling precinct.

Ms. Gregory also noted the numerous opportunities to vote such as early voting for 14 days and no-excuse absentee voting. The Board explained that on election day, each voter must vote at their assigned election precinct where their voter information/voting card is located.

Adjournment: Ms. Ott moved adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Cook seconded. The motion passed 5-0. Ms. Gregory adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
City Clerk