



The January 11, 2022 meeting of the Rockingham County Electoral Board was called to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room/Community Development Department, 20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, by Chairman Mike Auchard.

Electoral Board members in attendance: Mike Auchard, Chair; Sandra Parks, Vice Chair; and Susan Threewitts, Secretary. Staff members in attendance: Lisa B. Gooden, Director of Elections; Zack Weaver, Deputy Director; Oriana Morton, Assistant Registrar.

County Staff: Stephen King, County Administrator; Casey Armstrong, Deputy County Administrator; and Mark Rathke, GIS Coordinator.

News Media: Ian Monro, Staff Writer (Daily News Record).

Community Members: Jeff Bolander; David Furlong; Janet Trettner; Daryl Borgquist; Andy Sale; and Colum Leckey.

A motion to accept the minutes of January 5, 2022 as presented was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried.

This meeting convened to discuss county redistricting.

Redistricting Due to 2020 Census: Mark Rathke, GIS Director, presented three plans (visual maps) to the Electoral Board, including these possibilities:

1. Move the eastern portion of Keezletown to the 505-Stony Run precinct and to move part of Ottobine Precinct, west of Hinton into District 2.
2. Form a new precinct named Deep Run in the area east of Grottoes to the Augusta County line. Combine the Cross Keys precinct with the remainder of Port Republic precinct at the Cross Keys location (or alternate location, if needed).

3. Relocate the Melrose precinct into District 5 but continue voting at Lacey Spring Elementary School.

Redistricting Action:

- A motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to move a portion of the 405-Ottobine precinct (from Clover Hill Road to West Dry River Road to Slab Road) to the 205-Silver Lake (This action was taken to achieve the 5% standard deviation among election districts and involves Election Districts 2 and 4, as noted by GIS Coordinator Mark Rathke.)
- In order to meet the 5% standard deviation among Election District 3 and Election District 5, a motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Sandra Parks and unanimously carried, to create a new precinct (**Deep Run**) in Election District 5, with the polling location being South River Elementary School and the precinct boundary specifically described: to follow the current eastern boundary to the west to Pineville Road where it meets Port Republic Road, then to Doe Hill Road where it meets Lawyer Road, then westward from Lawyer Road to where it meets Port Republic Road, then eastward along the North River to where it meets South River, then westward along South River to where it meets Port Republic Road, then following Port Republic Road to its intersection with South River Road, then following South River Road to where it meets the town boundary of Grottoes, then following the town boundary for Grottoes until it meets the Southeast county boundary to District 5.
- A motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Sandra Parks, and unanimously carried, to merge Cross Keys Precinct into Port Republic precinct with the polling location potentially being at the Cross Keys-Mill Creek Ruritan Hall, or a location to be determined at a later date.
- A motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to combine the precincts of 108-Little North Mountain and 107-Plains, with the polling location being John C. Myers Elementary School and changing the precinct name to Lone Pine.
- A motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Sandra Parks, and unanimously carried, to merge 106-Tenth Legion precinct into the 105-Lacey Spring Precinct and with the polling location to be at Lacey Spring Elementary School and the precinct name being Lacey Spring.

- A motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Sandra Parks, and unanimously carried, to relocate the 303-Melrose polling location, which is currently at Lacey Spring Elementary School. Electoral Board members will evaluate the possibilities of moving the polling location to Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church social hall, or back to Fellowship United Methodist Church social hall. Director of Elections Lisa Gooden will work to set up a tour of both facilities in the weeks ahead. Members agreed that it would be too confusing with the merge of precincts Lacey Spring and Tenth Legion to also have Melrose at this location.

Upon a motion by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan C. Threewitts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan C. Threewitts, Secretary