



The February 3, 2022 meeting of the Rockingham County Electoral Board was called to order at 12:10 p.m. in the Community Room, 20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, by Board Chair Mike Auchard. Electoral Board members attending the meeting were: 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; and Oriana Morton, Assistant Registrar. Also in attendance: Mark Rathke, GIS Coordinator; and Tom Miller, County Attorney.

Prior to the meeting, members of the Electoral Board, staff, Mark Rathke, and District 2 Board of Supervisors member (Sallie Wolfe-Garrison) took a bus tour of some of the areas to be redistricted. Two possible locations for the 303-Melrose precinct were visited (Mt. Tabor and Fellowship United Methodist Churches). Also, the redrawn lines for Silver Lake Precinct, visited/drove by four possible locations for the new Port Republic precinct (Cross Keys Mill Creek Ruritan Hall, Mill Creek Church of the Brethren, Port Republic Town Hall, and Mt. Olive COB.)

Upon returning to the County Administration Building, everyone ate lunch and held discussion about the tour.

**303-Melrose Polling Location:** A motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to relocate the 303-Melrose precinct to the Mt. Tabor UM church (Family Life Center), 8335 N. Valley Pike, Rockingham, if church officials are willing to offer their facility.

**302-Port Republic:** Discussion concerning the new 302-Port Republic precinct was left until further information can be received for the two churches in the district. Lisa Gooden is to contact them about possibility of using their facilities. As things stand, the Cross Keys Ruritan Hall will continue to be utilized as a polling place if no alternatives are forthcoming.

Sandra Parks left the meeting at 12:30 p.m. due to a work commitment.

**Redistricting Discussion:** The meeting concluded with discussion on the redistricting process with County Attorney Tom Miller who provided information on how to accomplish this task under the established requirements/deadlines. After some discussion, County Attorney Miller suggested that a public hearing on the redistricting proposal be held on March 9 by the Board of Supervisors. Electoral Board members agreed to attend this public hearing in the event there are questions or concerns. In the meantime, a press release (including maps) will be issued immediately regarding this process and the changes that are anticipated as of this date.

**Ballot Order for June Primary:** A motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Sandra Parks, and unanimously carried, to set the ballot order at 100% of the total registered voters for a June Primary (if held).

**Adjournment:** After no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2 p.m. upon a motion by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Mike Auchard, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan C. Threewitts, Secretary