



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



The **February 23, 2022** meeting of the Rockingham County Electoral Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Room, 20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, by Board Chair Mike Auchard. Electoral Board members attending the meeting: 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 Terri Perry, Director of Technology.

Redistricting Process: Members reviewed the changes being proposed with redistricting with Mark Rathke, GIS Coordinator. While reviewing the GIS map of the changes in the newly formed 302-Port Republic, these items were noted:

- Total voters due to combining 306-Cross Keys (currently 619 voters) into a newly established 302-Port Republic precinct would result in roughly **1,568** total voters
- Mill Creek Church of the Brethren Tour of Feb. 15
Concerns: Already scheduled summer activities; church concerns about political signs; and voter access with only one entrance/exit
- Mount Olive Brethren Church Tour of Feb. 15
Not enough space on main level for voting
Basement Use – problems due to stairs/elevator

Consecutive Numerical Order for Precincts: As a result of the redistricting in which several precincts will be combined and the precinct name and/or number changed, a motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to keep the precinct numbers in consecutive numerical order by election district as follows:

Updated Feb. 2022		ROCKINGHAM COUNTY VOTING PRECINCTS			
29 PRECINCTS + CAP					
PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	SENATE	HOUSE	CONGRESS	STREET ADDRESS
DISTRICT 1					
101-BROADWAY	BROADWAY FIRE DEPT	2	33		6 117 N CENTRAL STREET (22815)
102-TIMBERVILLE	PLAINS DISTRICT COMM CENTER	2	33		6 233 MCCAULEY DRIVE (22853)
103-FULKS RUN	FULKS RUN ELEM SCHOOL	2	33		6 11089 BROCKS GAP RD (22830)
104-BERGTON	BERGTON COMM REC CENTER	2	33		6 17784 CRIDERS ROAD (22820)
105-LACEY SPRING	LACEY SPRING ELEM SCHOOL	2	33		6 8621 NORTH VALLEY PIKE (22802)
106-LONE PINE	JOHN C. MYERS ELEM SCHOOL	2	33		6 290 RAIDER ROAD (22815)
DISTRICT 2					
201- SINGERS GLEN	SINGERS GLEN VOL RESCUE SQUAD	2	34		6 9405 SINGERS GLEN RD (22850)
202-EDOM	LINVILLE EDOM RURITAN HALL	2	34		6 3752 LINVILLE EDOM RD (22834)
203-DAYTON	DAYTON MUNICIPAL BLDG	2	35		6 125 EASTVIEW STREET (22821)
204-MT CLINTON	MT VIEW ELEM SCHOOL	2	35		6 2800 RAWLEY PIKE (22802)
205-SILVER LAKE	WOODMENLIFE BUILDING	2	35		6 3045 JOHN WAYLAND HWY (22821)
DISTRICT 3					
301-KEEZLETOWN	KEEZLETOWN RURITAN HALL	2	34		6 1118 INDIAN TRAIL RD (22832)
302-PORT REPUBLIC	CROSS KEYS RURITAN HALL	2	35		6 5094 BATTLEFIELD RD (22801)
303-MELROSE	MT TABOR UMC Family Life Center	2	34		6 8335 N VALLEY PIKE (22802)
304-GROTTOES	GROTTOES MUNICIPAL BLDG	2	35		6 601 DOGWOOD AVENUE (24441)
305-MASSANETTA SPRS.	MT PLEASANT COB	2	34		6 2788 TAYLOR SPRING LANE (22801)
306-CROSSROADS	MASS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2	34		6 50 INDIAN TRAIL ROAD (22846)
DISTRICT 4					
401-WEST BRIDGEWATER	BRIDGEWATER COMM CENTER	2	35		6 201 GREEN STREET (22812)
402-MONTEZUMA	MONTEZUMA HALL	2	35		6 4736 OTTOBINE ROAD (22821)
403-MT CRAWFORD	MT CRAWFORD TOWN MUN BLDG	2	35		6 779 S. MAIN ST (22841)
404-NORTH RIVER	MASS TECH CENTER (Door 42)	2	35		6 325 PLEASANT VALLEY RD (22801)
405-OTTOBINE	OTTOBINE ELEM SCHOOL	2	35		6 8646 WAGGYS CREEK RD (22821)
406-EAST BRIDGEWATER	CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN	2	35		6 420 COLLEGE VIEW DR (22812)
DISTRICT 5					
501-ELKTON	ELKTON AREA COMM CENTER	2	34		6 20593 BLUE & GOLD DR (22827)
502-SWIFT RUN	ELKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	2	34		6 21063 BLUE AND GOLD DR (22827)
503-MCGAHEYSVILLE	MCGAHEYSVILLE ELEM SCHOOL	2	34		6 9508 SPOTSWOOD TRAIL (22840)
504-SOUTH FORK	RIVER BEND ELEM (GYM)	2	34		6 14556 ROCKINGHAM PIKE (22827)
505-STONY RUN	MCGAHEYSVILLE VOL FIRE CO BLDG	2	34		6 80 STOVER DRIVE (22840)
506-DEEP RUN	SOUTH RIVER ELEM SCHOOL	2	35		6 2101 ELM AVENUE (24441)

302 - Port Republic Polling Location: A motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, confirming that the polling location for 302-Port Republic (previously referred to as 306-Cross Keys) will be at the Cross Keys Ruritan Hall, 5094 Battlefield Road, Rockingham 22801, effective upon completion of the redistricting process by the Board of Supervisors, but reevaluating whether this facility will meet future needs through review in early 2023. (Mill Creek Church of the Brethren could be a potential

polling location if the Ruritan Hall is deemed too small to accommodate the increased number of voters for this precinct.)

Registrant Count: The total number of registered voters as of this date is 55,747.

Closed Session with Terri Perry, Director of Technology: A motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Sandra Parks, and unanimously carried, to enter Closed Session at 10:21 a.m. according to Virginia Code Section 24.2-625.1(B) as follows:

(B) "The State Board of Elections or a local electoral board may hold a closed meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for the purpose of discussing protocols for maintaining the security of ballots or voting and counting equipment, or risk assessments of specific local electoral procedures, where discussion of such matters in open meeting would compromise the security of any election."

Motion to Return to Regular Session at 11:17 a.m. was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Sandra Parks, and unanimously carried:

Roll Call Vote to certify that the only matters discussed during the closed session just concluded were those both lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened.

AYES - 3

NAYS - 0

Auchard: aye

Parks: aye

Threewitts: aye

Public Hearing by the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors on Redistricting:

Members briefly discussed the fact that a public hearing by the Board of Supervisors is to be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, regarding redistricting and members agreed that some of the important facts include:

- Redistricting is the process of redrawing the boundaries of districts that elect representatives who serve specific geographic areas
- Redistricting must be done every 10 years in the year ending in one

- Districts must be drawn using Census data
- Districts must be equal in population and within a standard deviation of 5% or less (one-person, one-vote standard)
- Districts cannot be drawn to discriminate based on race
- Districts must be contiguous and compact
- The Electoral Board has strived to keep communities of interest together
- The Electoral Board has worked to consolidate some precincts which has eliminated housing two precincts at one location and thereby reduces the chance of voter confusion
- Rockingham County's Redistricting will result in a reduction in the total number of precincts from 31 plus a central absentee precinct to 29 precincts plus a central absentee precinct

Adjourn: A motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan C. Threewitts, Secretary