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The Charles County Board of Elections held its regular monthly board meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 201 East Charles Street La Plata, Maryland, 20646 at 9:00 a.m.

- I. Declaration of Quorum Present:** Katherine O'Malley-Simpson; conference call
Fern Brown; conference call
Dorothy Duffield; conference call
Craig Renner; conference call
Norman Saunders; conference call

Louis Jenkins, Board Attorney; conference call

Staff: Tracy A. Dickerson
Shelby E. Trice

- II. Approval of July Minutes:** Mr. Norman Saunders made a motion to accept the July Minutes, seconded by Ms. Fern Brown. Unanimously approved.
- III. Additions to the Agenda:** N/A
- IV. Election Director's Report:**

- Ms. Tracy Dickerson reviewed with the board the actions taken during State Board meeting from August 5, 2020. The State Board is considering opening Vote Centers in lieu of Early Voting and polling places on Election Day. These Vote Centers will be open from Thursday, October 29, 2020 thru Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Ms. Dickerson informed the board that the State Board has scheduled a meeting for Friday, August 7, 2020 at 2 p.m. to discuss this option further.
- Ms. Dickerson presented to the board a list of polling place consolidations and relocated polling places for approval (see attached). These polling place consolidations will bring us to a total of 27 polling places for election day. Ms. Dickerson informed the board that these consolidations must be approved by the State Board due to the change occurring in between the Primary and General Election. Ms. Dickerson informed the board that the State Board has tabled the approvals until further notice, pending their decisions on Vote Centers.
- Ms. Dickerson informed the board that within the consolidations she has moved most of the polling places located in private facilities to public schools, due to most of our private facilities not allowing us to utilize them, due to COVID 19.

- Ms. Dickerson informed the board that if the State Board decides to use vote centers, all current contracts will need to be amended, and two new locations will need to be found.
- Ms. Dickerson discussed with the board the possibility of using high school gyms for possible vote centers. One concern Ms. Dickerson presented was not knowing an exact date of when students will be returning to the schools. Ms. Dickerson discussed with the board that if they decide to use high school gyms as vote centers they will choose schools with easy direct access to the polling area.
- Ms. Dickerson informed the board that the Waldorf Library may be available to use as a vote center. There will be a ballot drop box located there thru out the election. Mr. Craig Renner brought up the option of using the Jaycees or the American Legion in La Plata.
- Ms. Dickerson informed the board that we are still short election judges. Ms. Dickerson informed the board that we need 90 chief judges and we currently have 56. We need 90 provisional/SDR judges and we have 51. We need 785 ballot, voting, and check-in judges and we have 130. These numbers are changing daily.
- Mr. Norman Saunders asked “will we be doing temperature checks at the door?” Ms. Dickerson responded “that even if someone has a fever, we can not deny them the right to vote.”
- Ms. Dickerson informed the board that some judges will not work unless plexiglass shields are provided. Ms. Dickerson informed the board that the plexiglass shields are difficult to keep in place and would be cumbersome to transport to each polling place. With that being said each polling place will be supplied with masks, gloves, and face shields for the judges to use.

V. Board Attorney Report: N/A

VI. Old Business: N/A

VII. New Business: Ms. Dorothy Duffield made a motion to approve the polling place consolidations and moving of polling places for the Presidential General Election, seconded by Mr. Craig Renner. Unanimously approved.

VIII. Next Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be held on August 20, 2020.

IX. Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Fern Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Craig Renner. Unanimously approved.

Board approved minutes at 9:00 a.m. on August 21, 2020.