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The Charles County Board of Elections held its regular monthly board meeting on Thursday, October 9, 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

Stephanie Ramos-Santos

**II. Approval of August Minutes:** Mr. Norman Saunders made a motion to accept the August Minutes, seconded by Ms. Fern Brown. Unanimously approved.

III. Additions to the Agenda: N/A

## IV. Election Director's Report:

- Ms. Tracy Dickerson informed the board of the county wanting to make changes to the Board of Elections website. There was a lot of discussion between Ms. Dickerson and the county but ultimately, came to an agreement of the county making changes as long as Mr. Wade Beswick had access to make changes immediately when needed.
- Ms. Dickerson informed the board of the negative information being posted on social media about the office.
- Ms. Dickerson informed the board of the drop boxes that are available now for voters. Currently there are 3 available drop boxes from September 30<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd.</sup> The locations are Sacred Heart Church Friendship Hall, St. Charles High School, and Charles County Board of Elections. There will be 3 more boxes that will be available starting October 15<sup>th</sup> there locations are Westlake High School, Lackey High School, and SMECO Hughesville Costumer Service Center.
- Ms. Dickerson informed the board that the drop boxes are strategically placed to cover the each region in the County. So far, voters have used the mail and the office drop box to turn in their ballots.

- Ms. O'Malley asked if the receive date on the state voter look up shows when a
  voter dropped their ballot in a drop box, or if it is when it is processed by the staff.
  Ms. Dickerson responded, the date on the state voter look up is when the ballot
  was processed.
- V. Board Attorney Report: N/A
- VI. Old Business: N/A
- VII. New Business:
- **VIII. Next Board Meeting:** The next Board Meeting will be held on November 19, 2020.
- **IX. Motion to Adjourn:** Ms. Fern Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Dorothy Duffield. Unanimously approved.

Approved during virtual board meeting held December 3, 2020