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The Charles County Board of Elections held its regular monthly board meeting on Monday, June 18, 2018, at 201 East Charles Street La Plata, Maryland, 20646 at 2:30pm.

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

Louis Jenkins, Board Attorney

Staff: Tracy A. Dickerson  
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- II. Approval of April 2018 Minutes:** Fern Brown made a motion to accept the April minutes, seconded by Craig Renner. Unanimously approved.

- III. Additions to the Agenda:** N/A

**IV. Election Director's Report:**

- Tracy Dickerson informed the board of the emergency move from Bel Alton Firehouse to the La Plata Lions Club, due to renovations at the Bel Alton Firehouse, which is located 1 mile south of the current location. Tracy explained to the board that the La Plata Lions Club is ADA compliant and has adequate parking for voters. Once the board approves the office will be sending out updated voter notification cards to all the voters in that precinct as well as putting the information on the radio as well as in the newspaper.
- Tracy discussed with the board all of the following issues that have occurred during Early Voting thus far: the first issue Tracy discussed was about an unauthorized ballot being handed to voters that displayed no authority line on the first day of Early Voting. On the second day of Early Voting the ballot was still being issued to voters but had a couple of candidate names added as well as a non-legible authority line. SBE has been notified and is handling the situation.

- There have been complaints about the amount of candidate signs as well as the aggressiveness of campaigners at Gleneagles Neighborhood Center. Some voters are leaving Gleneagles and going to La Plata Firehouse to vote due to the commotion outside.
- Fern Brown received a voicemail from a candidate stating that another candidate was working with an election judge and tampering with the elections. They had stated that there were witnesses to this as well as people receiving the incorrect ballot style. They insisted that democrat voters received republican ballots.
- On Sunday there was an incident at the La Plata Firehouse where a campaigner had a shot gun shell thrown at them. The incident was immediately reported to the chief judges. The chief judges instructed the campaigner that since the incident occurred outside of the 100 feet that they must contact the police. The police arrived a short while after and took a report. Dorothy Duffield arrived at the polling place this morning and reassured campaigner as well as the election judges, that the board has been informed and is taking this matter seriously.
- The last issue Tracy discussed was a letter from a candidate that was sent to the state board as well as posted on Facebook. In this letter the candidate states that they witnessed another candidate offering a possible bribe to the election judges by offering to buy them something. According to the letter this occurred at the Gleneagles Neighborhood Center on Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Tracy also informed the board that the polling place itself is running smoothly and that the election judges are doing an excellent job.

**V. Board Attorney Report:** No news at this time.

**VI. Old Business:** N/A

**VII. New Business:** Dorothy Duffield made a motion to approve the temporary move from the Bel Alton Firehouse to the La Plata Lions Club, seconded by Norman Saunders. Unanimously approved.

**VIII. Next Board Meeting:** The next Board Meeting will be held on July 19, 2018.

**IX. Motion to Adjourn:** Norman Saunders made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fern Brown. Unanimously approved.

*Norman Saunders*