The Tazewell County Electoral Board met in the General Registrar's office Monday, June 17, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Cathy McClanahan at 3pm. Present for the meeting was Sherman Cain, Secretary, Director of Elections, Brian Earls, Deputy Registrar, Alicia Kitts and Interim County Attorney, Chase Collins. Tom Brewster, Vice Chair was running a little late but did arrive by 3:15pm. No members from the public were present. An agenda of business items was presented to the Board at the start of the meeting.

While awaiting the arrival of Tom Brewster, the Secretary read the minutes aloud for the benefit of the Chair who had not received her copy prior to start of the meeting due to internet/website issues. Upon arrival, Tom Brewster made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Cathy McClanahan; the motion unanimously carried.

Brief discussions ensued regarding three new election official applications recently received. Following the discussions Sherman Cain made the motion to approve all three; motion seconded by Tom Brewster and unanimously carried. Sandra Dye, Julia Robinson and Elizabeth Ballengee all received appointment approval.

Further discussions ensued regarding the Paint Lick precinct being moved from the present VFW location due to the problems with parking and traffic. Several sites had been previously scoped out with the most adequate being the fellowship hall at the LDS church situated along Steelsburg Highway. Tom Brewster made the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the precinct be moved to that location; seconded by Sherman Cain, the motion unanimously carried. Attorney Collins advised he will prepare the necessary paperwork.

The Registrar Office relocation and timeline for the move was next discussed with Director Earls providing clarity on September 1 being the best possible move date considering the approaching start of 2019 absentee voting and time constraints going forward to 2020.

The Electoral Board members also remain steadfast in the support of the office relocation as far in advance of 2020 as possible. The demolition of the old interior has already been completed with commencement of updates and renovations now awaited. The EB received council from Attorney Collins regarding advance public notice if the September 1st move does happen considering the office serves as a voting precinct.

With the advice from Attorney Collins, Sherman Cain made the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to move the absentee precinct to the new registrar's office location contingent upon the appropriateness of the facility to accommodate operations as of September 1, 2019; seconded by Tom Brewster, the motion unanimously carried.

The Board next heard from Alicia Kitts regarding the website whereby she advised it is ready to go. Director Earls advised there have been no new developments in the annual budget situation. Tom Brewster advised he would not be able to attend the annual training in Richmond set for June 25.

Director Earls discussed what offices are on the various ballots this fall and who has qualified to be a candidate.

In final business the EB thanked Attorney Collins for his help on the Paint Lick precinct relocation and his advice on the new general registrar office project. There being no further business, Sherman Cain made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Tom Brewster the motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07pm

Respectfully submitted:
Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary