

Radford City Electoral Board: Called meeting August 23, 2018.

A meeting of the Radford Electoral Board was called by Chairman Jett for 10 a.m. Thursday August 23, for the purposes of reviewing several maps produced by the Radford GIS department.

These maps displayed at the Elections Office show three potential ways to divide the east Precinct into two separate precincts.

The GIS department at the request of Radford City manager and Director of Elections, Tracy Howard, printed several maps displaying census block numbers, potential boundary lines with potential polling places highlighted.

Chairman Jett called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

The minutes of the evaluation meeting of June 20<sup>th</sup> were moved by Mrs. Turk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Mannon, Yes, Mr. Jett.

New Business: discussion of potential polling place addition and precinct split:

Having reviewed the potential options for a boundary for a new Eastern Radford Polling place, The Electoral Board was informed that the East Precinct was quickly approaching 5000 registered voters, currently having more than 4400. §24.2-627 requires a 2<sup>nd</sup> tabulator counting machine when the number of registered voters reaches 4000. Noting this requirement is only for presidential elections, but also noting that the General Assembly had passed a re-districting moratorium in March that prevented any precinct changes after February 1, 2019 until May 15, 2021. §24.2-309.2

The various options were discussed based on the merits of; Administration of elections, maintaining a balance between residents and college voters, ease of notification and office administration, and potential voter Confusion. Maps were provided and will be available for view at the Elections Office.

Option 1: A line dividing Tyler Ave. from the City Line at Rock Rd. North to the intersection of Tyler and Main. East along the Center of Main Street to the intersection of University drive. Turning North on University Drive to Pulaski street, following the center line of Pulaski street around the Animal shelter to the Boat Ramp at the New River.

Option 2: Beginning at a point where Connelly's Run intersects with the Woodland heights drainage, northeast to the intersection of Madison Street. Along the centerline of Madison St. northwest to Hammett Ave. Along the centerline of Hammett Ave. northeast to Jefferson St. at

Tyler Ave. northeast along the centerline of Jefferson St. to E. Main, then westerly along E. main to University Dr. and following the same route as option 1 to the New River.

Option 3: Beginning at the City line where Radford and Montgomery county meet in the center line of the New River at the intersection of the unimproved Calhoun St. right of way and E. main St. Along Calhoun St. Right of Way to Tyler Ave. Along Tyler Ave. north to the intersection of Main Street and along the centerline of Main St. easterly to University Drive, where the boundary would follow the same path back to the New River as Option 1.

After discussion of the 3 options, Mrs. Turk moved that Option 1 should go to Radford City Council as the Electoral Boards boundary recommendation. Mr. Mannon 2<sup>nd</sup>, Yes, Mr. Jett.

The Electoral Board decided to review potential polling places along the Tyler Ave corridor, lacking suitable places along the E. main corridor.

The General Registrar was directed to correspond with three identified churches along Tyler Ave. to confirm their interest. The Three church facilities are Unity Christian at 400 Tyler Ave., Oasis church of the NRV at 1014 Tyler Ave and Grove UMC at 1200 Tyler Ave.

The Registrar confirmed that state law allows a polling place to be within 1 mile of a precinct boundary. §24.2-310

There being no further business, Mr. Jett moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Turk, Yes, Mr. Mannon.