

**Minutes of the Surry County Electoral Board
Town and Council General Election Canvas
May 20, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. in the General Registrar office. Persons present were Judith Giorgio, Lynita Mason, Howell Godfrey, Sharna White, and Claire Steen. Brian Agor, a write-in candidate for Surry Town Council, was present during the Surry canvas.

SURRY

The Town of Surry was the first to be canvased. Judith Giorgio noted the seal on the envelope was already broken. Ms. White stated she did not open the envelope but said perhaps the Chief may have opened it last night in order to sign the poll book. The electoral board opted to canvas the write-ins for Town Council first. The results are listed noted on the Write-in Certification attached. The Write-In Certification was completed, signed and sealed by the electoral board. Winning candidates appear in bold.

The results for the **Town Council** candidates that appeared on the ballot are as follows:

Robert T. Berryman – 43

Joe Garcia – 39

Write-In Candidates with the highest votes are as follows:

Brian L. Agor – 13

Samuel F. Anderson-Shepard – 13

Jason Wiedel - 15

The results for the **Mayor** of Surry are as follows:

Bennie Junior Savedge – 45

Write-ins – 4

Under Votes - 5

Ms. White had stated that the officers of election had placed the absentee envelopes in Envelope #3. She will remove the required materials and place them in the correct Envelope #5 and call the Chief and Assistant Chief to come in to seal the envelope. There were no other errors found for Surry Precinct.

DENDRON

The Town of Dendron was canvased next. Again the board opted to complete the canvas for the write-ins for Town Council first. Because the Town of Dendron has six Councilman positions and there were three Town Council candidates that appeared on the ballot which received the higher votes than any write-in candidates, there was a need for three additional Councilmen from the write-in candidates. The write-in results can be found on the Write-In Certification attached. Gloristine Evins received 14 votes, Robert Weidner received 10 votes, and both Adam Chubb and Hunter Lackey received 5 votes each. The electoral board once again reviewed the results tape to recount and ensure the initial count and tie were correct, which they were. Because there was a tie, according to **Code of Virginia §24.2-674**, the electoral board must draw lots to determine the winner for the last Town Council seat. After a short discussion, it was decided to draw lots on May 22, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. outside the Surry Government

Building to determine the winner. Ms. White was asked to contact Adam Chubb and Hunter Lackey to inform them of the drawing so they may be in attendance. The Write-In Certification was completed, signed and sealed by the electoral board. Winning candidates appear in bold.

The results for the **Town Council** candidates that appeared on the ballot are as follows:

Edward Eugene Joyner – 38
W. E. Bill Richardson Jr. – 43
Kevin B. Spain - 41

Write-In Candidates with the highest votes are as follows:

Gloristine Evins - 14
Robert R. Weidner – 10
Adam E. Chubb Jr. – 5
Hunter Lackey – 5 (see Addendum below)

The results for the **Mayor** of Dendron are as follows:

Wallace E. Faison, Jr. – 45
Write-Ins – 5

Ms. White had stated that the officers of election had placed the absentee envelopes in Envelope #3. She will remove the required materials and place them in the correct Envelope #5 and call the Chief and Assistant Chief to come in to seal the envelope. There were no other errors found for Dendron Precinct.

CLAREMONT

The Town of Claremont was then canvased. All candidates were listed on the ballot. Winning candidates appear in bold.

The results for the **Town Council** candidates are as follows:

Sue W. Gilbert – 52
Jenifer P. Helton – 43
Rodney Dale Perkinson, Jr. - 46
John Ross – 46
Phillip C. Yerby IV – 45
Write-Ins - 14

The results for the **Mayor** of Claremont are as follows:

George Lee Edwards – 46
Write-ins – 7

With the need to draw lots for a Council position in Dendron, the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m. to reconvene on May 22, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

ADDENDUM May 21, 2020 - Upon the general registrar contacting both Mr. Adam Chubb and Mr. Hunter Lackey to inform of the tie and need for a lot drawing, Mr. Hunter Lackey emailed the general registrar and conceded his spot.

May 22, 2020 – Continuation of Canvas of May 20, 2020 General Town Elections

The board reconvened on May 22, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. There was no need for a drawing due to Mr. Lackey withdrawing his name. Ms. White printed the abstracts for the election results, and the electoral board signed and sealed them. It was decided to mail the Certificates of Election to the winning candidates because of the need for social distancing. Mrs. Giorgio stated she would mail them after the meeting adjourned.

There was some discussion related to the Walls Bridge precinct. Mrs. Giorgio stated several persons had commented on the location of the precinct and had asked if it could be relocated. It was decided to create a questionnaire for the persons of the precinct to fill out during the June Primary election asking if they would be in favor of moving the precinct. Mrs. Giorgio stated she would drive around the area and contact any place that would be appropriate to use as a precinct to assess if the owners of the building would be interested in allowing their building to be used as a voting precinct. These potential buildings could be listed on the questionnaire too so the voters could mark the option they preferred.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.