Present: Sarah C. Osborne, Chair; Charles Sturgill, Vice-Chair; Gloria K. Price, Secretary; Cody Wingate, Director of Elections

Mrs. Osborne brought the meeting to order in the Electoral Board Office. The Minutes were read and approved from October, and the November Canvass 2019.

The Oaths for the renewed three year appointments were sent out to 15 of the Officers.

The Absentee Voting for the March 3 Democratic Primary begins January 16. Our efficient Director ordered the necessary paper ballots.

One of the Vote Machine Techs resigned. Ms. Corinne Greeson sent an email to our Chair. A letter of appreciation and acknowledgement will be sent by Mrs. Osborne. The job description was updated and will be sent to the newspapers, posted on the website and posted in the Courthouse.

The Budget was discussed. There are many concerns about the proposed 45 early voting from the General Assembly. It will be costly to set up a separate precinct, hire Officers and find a secure location. An electronic pollbook would be useful. The estimated total cost of \$10,000 will be requested in this budget. The preference of this board would be for a shorter time, similar to the two weekends currently allowed in North Carolina.

There are newer, stricter Security Assessment Guidelines sent from the workgroup in ELECT. All of this board, the Registrar and Assistant Registrar are required to take the three cybersecurity training courses: Cybersecurity 101, 201 and 301 by March 3, 2020. This was sent in the December 6, 2019 email from Andrea Gaines per Daniel Persico, Chief Information Officer, Department of Elections.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is the Canvass on November 6, at 9:00 a.m. in the Electoral Board Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria K. Price, Secretary

Approved:

Sarah C. Osborne, Chairwoman

Charles Sturgill, Vice-Chairman