

## St. Mary's County Board of Elections

23250 Leonardtown Hollywood Road

Leonardtown, MD 20650

### Board Emergency Meeting Minutes of 08 April 2022

#### Present:

##### **Board Members:**

Jack Payne, Board President (R)  
Rebecca Wathen, Board Secretary (D)  
Kenneth Boothe, Member (R)  
Mary Coombs, Member (R) (Dialed-In))

##### **Staff Members:**

Wendy Adkins, Director  
Susan Julian, Deputy Director

#### Absent:

Ann Raley, Member (D)  
Cynthia Panos, Board Attorney

At 09:08 AM, Mr. Jack Payne, Board President, determined that there was a quorum present and called this Emergency Meeting to order.

Guests Present:       None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting will be held for approval.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed with no changes were requested.

Director's Report: No Director's Report was given

Old Business:       None

#### New Business:

**New Polling Locations:** Ms. Adkins presented her proposed move and consolidation of polling precincts based upon the following rationale:

- Per the Legislation and Commissioner Redistricting there are no additional facilities are available.
- There are three (3) approved Early Voting Centers, which will be open for eight (8) days. Anyone can use these Early Voting Centers regardless of where they live.
- Mail-In Ballot / Permanent Mail-In Ballot percentages are becoming higher each day.
- There is an insufficient number of election judges to cover all of the polling locations.
- The proposed plan will reduce the number of election judges needed on election day.
- This plan provides a more cost effective approach due to the fewer number of judges required and the fewer number of facilities required.
- Anyone wishing to file an official complaint may do so in writing via email or postal mail.
- Several of the proposed changes are corrections that needed to be made even prior to the redistricting.
- Ghost polling locations have been created. A ghost polling location is a location where there are no actual residents or voters but were required to be created due to the changes in the legislative district.
- Summary of Changes Based upon the proposed plan:


- 28 polling locations are being reduced to 21
- 36 precincts have has been increased to 39 + 3 Early Voting sites (total = 42).

A motion was made by Ms. Wathen to approve the polling location changes as presented in the attached, seconded by Ms. Coombs. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on May 4, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by Ms. Wathen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Coombs. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 09:37 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca J. Wathen

Board Secretary