

The Charlotte County Electoral Board met for an Emergency called meeting Monday, December 20th at 9:30am in the jury room at the new County Courthouse

> Present were Glenn Baker /Vice Chairman, Glenwood Foster/Secretary, Rebecca Daly/ Voter Liaison for the Democratic Party , Heather Harding/ Halifax county Registrar.

> Meeting was called to order- Vice Chair Mr. Baker had called Chair/ Claudette Powell about the meeting. Mrs. Powell could not attend and to keep her informed about proceedings

> Discussion about letter sent to Secretary from John Janson addressed to Christopher Piper. Mr. Janson had represented the Secretary when the Registrar had taken legal action against him. In the letter Mr. Janson said he was not acting as legal counsel for the Secretary, but as a private concerned citizen. Mr. Janson's letter addressed the closing of the Registrar's office. In his letter he stated that in his opinion the Charlotte County Registrar's office is a crime scene and should not be opened due to fear that evidence would be compromised before an investigation could be conducted. The Electoral Board had arranged for a Registrar from a neighboring county to be at the Registrar's office Monday morning December 20th. Mr Janson's letter was received by email at 7:13pm Sunday, December 19th, the night before the office was scheduled to reopen. The board not knowing how to proceed met in the jury room at the new County Courthouse to consult with legal counsel. While waiting for the County Attorney to return their call the Board discussed several options to reopen the Registrar's office. Opening a satellite office for registration and conducting other daily activities required by code, and the Registrar's office remaining locked and sealed to retain the integrity of the records there was decided as the best option.

> Discussion about the Drakes Branch polling place and whether the town wanted to continue using the town office as a polling place. Secretary called the town clerk for more information. Town clerk said that the town office can continue to be used. Town office will be moved to the new firehouse when it's completed. Board will need to determine when to start process of relocation to new firehouse. The town clerk gave the phone numbers for the Fire Department Chief and contractor to the Secretary of the Board.

> Secretary called the County Attorney's office again to determine when the Board would be able to get his advice. County Attorney was still involved in a conference call. His Secretary asked the Board to submit it's questions by email. The Acting Chair submitted the questions to the County Attorney. Acting Chair revived a response from the Country Attorney/ Russell Slayton on the questions the Board had.

> Acting Chair drafted and sent an email of the Boards plans to open a satellite office until the issues with the Registrar's office is resolved to the Department of Elections.

> Secretary made motion that " the Registrar's office be temporarily moved from its existing location to the former Commonwealth Attorney's office until looming litigation is resolved. Acting Chair seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissenting vote.

> Secretary made motion to adjourn, Acting Chair seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissenting vote. Meeting was adjourned.

Glenn Baker; Vice- Chair/ Acting Chair_____

Glenwood Foster; Secretary_____