

VFAF Registrar Survey Form

County/City Buchanan Observers D. Shores
 Date of interview 10/18/2021

Before the Interview - Record the time and date of your call and email, and if the meeting is not set immediately, the time and date of their response

- a) Time and date of initial call and email: 10/15
- b) Time and date of response: 10/15
- c) Did the registrar refuse to meet you: Yes No
- d) If yes, please provide the reason given for not meeting: _____

The Interview - Thank the Registrar for agreeing to see you. State that the purpose of the observation program is to provide voters with accurate information about the election process. Emphasize how important you think his/her role is in ensuring that everyone in the county sees the elections here are free, fair and legitimate.

First, we have a few general questions.

1. What is your biggest concern about the upcoming election? (open ended. Record verbatim.)
Misinformation. 3rd party forms. Complaints about dead people getting info.
2. Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)
no major concerns. NOT "real busy" Total Res. 14,957
3. Do you feel like you have the resources, equipment, personnel, and training needed to run an effective election in November?
 Yes 2020 "Real tight"
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused
4. If no, what is missing?
5. The county election board is supposed to consist of 2 Democrats and a Republican under a Democrat governor, but in some areas, boards have had trouble finding willing Republicans and have appointed an Independent instead, or another Democrat. What is the situation in this county?
 Two Democrats and a Republican
 Two Democrats and an Independent
 Three Democrats
 Other:
6. What about precinct staff? Are you able to have equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans? (please check one, then provide any relevant detail on right side of this box)
 Yes we try, non-partisan indications
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections? 2 full time

Year round Meet often

Mostly near elections NO website to do minutes being posted.

Don't know "difficult"

No answer/refused

Thank you. Now a few questions on the voter roll.

8. When was the last audit of the voter file in your county? (Enter date, and the number of days since last audit) Date: purge in Feb. 2021

No. of days since last audit: SBE files / felony monthly.

9. a. Does the Health Department send a list of deceased people to your office every month so they can be removed from the voter roll?

Yes

No never requested, SBE gets it.

Don't know

No answer/refused

b. If no, how often do they send a list?

10. When was the last time the Clerk of Courts submitted a list of individuals who declined to serve on jury duty on the basis of being a non-citizen? never

11. When was the last time you had access to the National Change of Address List or any other change of address list? (record date and other list(s), if relevant) _____

February 2021

12. a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date?

Yes

No

Don't know

No answer/refused

b. If no, what is/are your main concern(s) about the list?

13. How many households in your locality have more than 7 individuals registered at the same address? Number: _____ (if unknown, ask that he/she forward information ASAP)

not sure.

14. During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens?

the application.

Moving on, concerns were raised across the country about the accuracy and integrity of voting machines in the 2020 elections.

15. There are three types of voting machines used in Virginia. Can you tell me which machines you use?

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16. Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process?

uses Atlantic Election Services (Jay Overby) checks for discs + runs the test ballots.

17. Do you invite party representatives to witness the calibration?

Yes no. Both sides do not participate.

No EB is present during calibration.

Don't know

No answer/refused

Tommy CR

a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?

Yes

No

Don't know

No answer/refused

b. If they are not connected to the internet, how and when are they updated?

not connected during updates.

Many changes in election procedures were introduced in response to the COVID pandemic, and some people have argued that these changes weakened the integrity of the election process.

19. As an election professional, do you think the changes made in the election process in Virginia in response to COVID have weakened election integrity, strengthened election integrity, or made no change in election integrity?

weakened integrity.

strengthened integrity

made no change

Don't know

No answer/refused

trying to keep paritized + wear masks.

Extra workers. / CARES Act \$

20. a. Did you receive any funding or in-kind contributions for training, staff, voter education or equipment, or any other purpose from outside the state of Virginia?

Yes

No

Don't know

No answer/refused

2 other grants: USC Swartzengger Institute \$9,947
Center Tech + Civic Life \$12,275.25

b. If yes, what was the funding or contribution used for?

Cases for cleaning supplies, officers, extra PPE.
Sneeze guards.

21. Effective Jul 1, 2021, Senate Bill 1097, eliminated requirements for voters to have a witness signature on absentee ballots for any election during a declared state of emergency. The Governor has now rescinded the state of emergency. How are you training your staff to ensure that there is a signature match for the upcoming elections?

Highlight B envelope on witness.

only 3 returned so far.

22. There is a lot of concern in Virginia and across the country about the security and integrity of the ballot drop boxes. What are the chain of custody procedures for ballot drop boxes?

Just 1 @ Registrar office.

23. Was there any time during the last election cycle when your drop boxes did not have video monitoring?

Yes

No

Don't know

No answer/refused

24. Who is responsible for reviewing the video, and were party observers present during the review?

Person (title) responsible: Registrar Asst.

Yes

No

Don't know

No answer/refused

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To strengthen public confidence in the integrity of elections, we hope to expand our observation efforts, and

have a few questions about election pages, non-partisan observers, and party observers.

25. Would you provide training and support, or designate us to provide training and support, for an election day page program as described in 24.2-604.3?1 (see text in endnote)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- No answer/refused

Willing to consider

26. Would you authorize non-partisan election observers with the same rights as party representatives; as described in 24.2-604.5 A?2 (see text in endnote)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- No answer/refused

Electoral Board Decision

27. Would you authorize international non-partisan observers from recognized election monitoring organizations?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- No answer/refused

Electoral Board Decision

28. Have your local party chairs been notified that they are entitled to send observers to your office each day it is open and receiving in-person absentee ballots?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- No answer/refused

not asked to observe

29. a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of observers?

- Yes
- No (go to b.)
- Don't know
- No answer/refused

SBE.

b. If no, would you be willing to distribute such a publication that we would prepare based on Virginia law?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- No answer/refused

E.B. decision

Thank you. The survey is complete now. We deeply appreciate your time today, and look forward to keeping in touch as we go through the 2021 state elections. (if you have additional questions) If you don't mind, we have a few additional questions related specifically to (county or city).

30. Post survey question - Please characterize your interaction with the Registrar as (circle all that apply)

Helpful Polite Defensive Unhelpful Antagonistic

To the survey team: Thank you for all you have done and will do to ensure a free and fair election in Virginia! Please submit your completed survey form as soon as possible.