

# Board of Election & Voter Registration

Board Meeting

Date: August 14th, 2020

**Board Members:** Eric Crawford, James White, Erma Denney, Larry Ewing, Judy McNichols

**Office Staff:** Jennifer Logan, Janie Johnston, Susan Harper, Kelsey Harbin

**Present at Meeting:** Eric, Larry, James, Judy, Jennifer, Kelsey, Erma (by phone)

**Public:** Jeff Hughes, Tommy Benton, Mike Buffington, TJ Dearman

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**I. Call to Order:** 4:03PM and lead meeting in Pledge.

**II. Presentation of Minutes:** Eric presented the minutes from July Board Meeting.

**Board Member Larry made a motion to accept minutes as read , Board Member Judy 2nd the motion. No discussion was made. Vote carried 5,0.**

### **III. Office Reports:** (Director)

- Registration Deadline is October 5th. Have around 1,600 applications to process, processing is on hold until after state certifies the August Runoff Election.
- Recount for the Republican State Senate District 50 seat should be taking place next week—will be requesting additional scanner for the recount.
- City of Jefferson will hold a mayor and city council seat election on November 3rd. They will conduct their own election. Our office will provide training and paperwork. The Mayor did not step down in time to hold their election on our ballot. The office requested for the City to wait until March so that voters would not be confused and our office would be able to conduct the election, but they called the election for November 3rd.
- WiFi was added to our office and the Meraki was placed on a secure internet connection per our office request.
- Still working on staff and storage issues
- Early voting will be held in our office (plus 2 satellites the last week) The gym is booked.

**IV. Old Business :** Consideration to move the West Jackson Polling place back to the 2001 Cherry Drive location now that the renovation is complete. (Free Chapel)

**Board Member Larry make a motion to motion to West Jackson back to 2001 Cherry Drive (Free chapel). Board Member James 2nd. No discussion was made. Vote carried 5,0.**

### **V. New Business:**

1. Early Opening & Scanning. Board Member Erma wanted to make sure board was aware of the SEB Rule. Director distributed information concerning the rule. Some discussion was made. Chairman Eric suggested we table until September meeting to save on time.

2. Ballot Boxes. Board Member Judy would like to have additional boxes in the county. Discussion was made. Director distributed the SEB rule. Board members would like the chance to review the rule and obtain the cost of added the additional boxes. Chairman Eric made the motion to table until September. Board member James 2nd. Some discussion was made. Vote carried (3,2).

#### **V. Provisional Hearing**

Director presented the Provisional ballots

Voter 1 at South Jackson — Registered in Hall County. Board voted to reject (5,0) carried.

Voter 2 at West Jackson— Voted Absentee by mail ballot (already cast). Board voted to reject (5,0) carried.

Voter 3 at West Jackson— Registered in Gwinnett. Board voted to reject (3,1) carried.

#### **VI. Certify the August Runoff Election**

**V. Adjournment:** At 5:03PM Eric made the motion to adjourn the meeting. James 2nd. Voted 5,0 motion carried.

Next meeting September 9th, 9AM.