

Board of Election & Voter Registration

Board Meeting

Date: September 9th, 2020

Board Members: Eric Crawford, James White, Jeff Hughes, Larry Ewing, Judy McNichols

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

Present at Meeting: Eric, Larry, James, Judy, Jennifer, Kelsey, Erma Jeff Hughes,

I. Call to Order: 9:01AM and lead meeting in Pledge.

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

Board Member Jeff asked for corrections to the minutes Eric made a motion to table minute until October meeting.

III. Office Reports: (Director)

- Registration Deadline is October 5th. Have around 555 DDS, 77 Online, and 25 Main in applications to process. Deceased and Felons status are up to date.
- Have Poll workers assisting in office to help with filing and absentee.
- MOC & MOS need to be pulled from file, but they are updated in ENET.
- In process of training poll workers, 130 contacted, 59 Trained and 38 set up for a training class.
- To date, have processed roughly 6,300 absentee applications for the November Election. State will rollover list and all application processed prior to September 8th.
- We are getting new postage machine for office—will save us time on having to go to Admin Building to put postage on ballots/mail.
- Storage issues. Possibly losing the space we currently have to the BOE. County Manager working on us a new space.
- Ballots have been ordered for the November Election—ordered more ballots than normal, expecting a large turnout. State added new portal for absentee applications which has added additional burden on staff workload—also more will request ballots due to ease of access. Have 3 days to process all applications—from date received.
- Precinct cards have been requested from state for change to West Jackson polling locations. Poll workers will assist with the bulk mail process to save funds.
- State has mentioned possible additional funds/grants for counties for ballot boxes and plexi-glass.

IV. Old Business :

1. **Consideration of additional ballot boxes.** Discussion was made concerning the ballot boxes. Director expressed concerns in having staff to close out ballot boxes on Election Day at 7PM. Board had further discussion. After much discussion, board decided that boxes should be placed on the East and West sides of the counties to make access easier for voters. It was suggested that the Board

empty the boxes on Election Day at 7PM, Jeff and Judy agreed. Discussion was made on the design. Board agreed that final locations and type of boxes (although board wants consistency in design) would be up to the Director.

Motion was made by Board member James for Director to purchase 2 ballot boxes for the county. Board member Judy 2nd the motion. Vote carried 5,0.

2. **Consideration of Early Tabulation.** Director suggested for Early Tabulation to start on October 26th and continue until October 30th, then to begin again on Election Day.

Motion was made by Board Member Larry to have the schedule the Director suggested to the board, Board member Jeff 2nd the motion. Vote carried 5,0.

Discussion was made concerning Review Panel, Board member Jeff volunteered to serve in at area.

V. New Business:

1. Draft letter presented to submit to State Reps concerning the boards ending terms and function of board when a death or resignation occurs. Suggested for board to review but not submit until after election and we know who is serving in the new year.

IV. Adjournment: At 10:36AM . Board member Larry made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Board chair Eric 2nd. Voted 5,0 motion carried.

Next meeting October 14th , 9AM.