

# Board of Election & Voter Registration

Board Meeting

Date: February 11, 2022

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**Board Members:** Danielle Kuntz, James White, Jeff Hughes, Larry Ewing, Judy McNichols

**Office Staff:** Jennifer Logan, Janie Johnston, Ellen Kuntz, Kelsey Harbin, Katie Bryson

**Present at Meeting:** Danielle, Larry, James, Jeff, Judy, Jennifer, Kelsey

**Media:** Mike Buffington **Public:** Sandra Haggard, Johnny Eubanks, Richard Moya

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**I. Call to Order:** 8:00AM meeting called to order by Danielle and led pledge.

**II. Presentation of Minutes:** Danielle presented the minutes from the January Board Meeting.

**Board Member James made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Larry 2nd the motion. No discussion. Motion carried 4,0**

**III. Public Comment:** None

Judy joined meeting at 8:05AM

**VI. Old Business :**

**1. Consideration of Board to relocate the Commerce Carson Street early voting location to one of three locations. FBC Hall, Commerce Library, Nicholson City Hall**

The board toured all facilities on February 9th. All members of the board were present.

Chairman Danielle called for any discussion from board on the different locations. Board discussed advantages and disadvantages concerning all the locations that were toured.

Chairman Danielle called for any motions.

**Board Member Jeff made the motion to keep the early voting location in the City of Commerce. Board member James 2nd the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed 5,0**

**Board member James made the motion to begin the process of relocating the early voting polling location from Carson Street to the FBC Hall facility if approved by facility owners and the Commerce Library as a back up if FBC owners didn't approve as the new possible location. Board member Jeff 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4,1**

Johnny Eubanks spoke on behalf of FBC about the timeline for having a firm decision made on the facility by the last Sunday of February.

Notice to public will be placed in legal organ first week in March and board will vote at March 11th Board meeting.

**V. New Business:**

**1. Consideration of Board to relocate the South Jackson Polling location from Southside Church to Nicholson City Hall (Benton Hall).**

Chairman Danielle made a statement concerning the reason for the board to consider moving the polling

location. Southside church will be leasing out the room and could not guarantee the ability of use to the board any longer. She then called for any discussion from board on the location that had been recommended by the election staff. Board discussed the location. On February 9th, they had been able to see the location and were pleased with the facility.

**Board member Jeff made the motion to begin the process of relocating the South Jackson polling location from Southside to the Nicholson City Hall Benton Hall facility as the new possible location. Board member Larry 2nd the motion. Motion passed 5,0**

Notice to public will be placed in legal organ for next two weeks and board called a meeting for February 25th to vote on the relocation.

## **VI. Staff Reports**

Director: (Jennifer)

Presented budget report

Updated board on status on polling locations and poll worker recruitment and training. Kelsey presented board with numbers of current poll workers and status of poll worker availability. Jennifer explained new training plans.

Updated board NCOA clock—ends Feb 13th.

Updated board on GARViS group meeting twice a month and training subcommittee meeting twice a month (opposite weeks).

Katie and Jennifer to attend a GARViS Training class on Feb 22nd and CES Training class on Feb 23rd.

County will host GARViS Regional Training on February 28th at the Ag Facility.

New employee Jonathan Pokmorka will begin work on Feb 14th.

Received 214 toners from Dominion as part of warranty program.

Met with Kevin about update on our new area. Roof work will begin in April. School due to be out by April.

Updated board on registration totals for month of January 53,507 Active 2,874 Inactive.

Redistricting Update:

All new information has been entered into the system and audited against GIS. 55,825 matched perfectly and 523 will need manual audit due to street spellings and our issues.

Board took a break at 8:45AM while waiting for 9AM for the hearing as advertised. Board reconvened at 8:47AM, all parties present.

## **V. New Business Continued**

### **1. Felon Challenge Hearing**

Jennifer explained to the board the SOS felon process. A letter was received by the registered voter on the SOS felon list. The voter had contacted the board within the timeframe to request a hearing.

Registered voter #1: Full name, DOB & Addr match, SS# match

Chairman Danielle asked voter if they would like to address the board concerning the felon status situation.

The board was presented with documentation that the voter had committed and pled guilty to a crime in another state that was a misdemeanor and when transferred to Georgia the status was changed to felony. He pled guilty in 2013 and was still paying restitution to the state, but it should be complete by the end of the year. Felt that since he had pled guilty to a misdemeanor that it shouldn't take away his right to vote since it was not a felony in the state that the crime was committed.

Chairman called for any discussion. Discussion was made.

**Call for motion of voter: Board member Jeff made motion fro voter to remain on the voter rolls. Judy 2nd the motion. No further discussion was made. Voted 5,0. Motion passed.**

**IV. Adjournment:** At 8:54AM . Chairman Danielle called for motion to adjourn the meeting. James made the motion and Board member Larry 2nd. Voted 5,0 motion carried.

Next meetings Friday, February 25th at 9AM Called Meeting and March 11th at 9AM.

**Minutes taken by Kelsey , prepared by Jennifer**

