

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
500 WEST LAMAR STREET
SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
AMERICUS, GEORGIA 31709
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024
4:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Dr. Shirley Latimore.

II. ROLL CALL

A. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dr. Shirley Latimore, Carson Walker, Dr. Valerie Roberts, Randy Howard
Vice Chairman Rhonda Reddick was late arriving at 4:34 p.m.

B. STAFF PRESENT

Election Supervisor LaSandra Patterson, County Attorney Hayden H. Hooks
Addie Bryant to take the minutes.

III. MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda by Carson Walker
Second the motion by Randy Howard
Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (February 6, 2024) MEETING

Motion to strike that Randy Howard was late for the meeting and to accept the minutes
with the edit by Carson Walker.
Motion failed due to no second.
Motion to approve the minutes as written by Dr. Valerie Roberts
Second by Rhonda Reddick and Randy Howard, Nay by Carson Walker.
Motion carried.

V. CHAIRPERSON HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Latimore announced that Mrs. Patterson, the new Election Supervisor has completed
and received her Georgia Election & Registration Official certification within two weeks.

VI. 2024 ELECTIONS UPDATE

LaSandra Patterson informed the board that currently there are 19086 registered voters,
773 citizens have early voted, 162 absentee ballots have been mailed out and 73
returned.

VII. PRECINCTS UPDATE

Due to the weather the Election equipment and staff moved to a smaller room inside of the Americus Sumter County Exposition Center (the Old Fairground Building).

VIII. QUALIFYING DATES

The qualifying dates for the General Primary Election are March 4th- March 8th, 2024. Non-Partisan candidates qualify in the election office 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. daily except on Friday, March 8th, 2024 the hours are 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Qualifying fees have been posted on the election website, newspaper and a notice on the front door.

IX. ANDERSONVILLE SPECIAL ELECTION

The City of Andersonville is having a special election on May 21, 2024.

X. MARCH 2024 EXPENDITURE AND TRANSACTION

No comments or questions

XI. ZOOM AND FACEBOOK INFORMATION

A zoom account has been created for the election board meetings at the cost of \$159.00. The election office now has a Facebook page listed as Sumter County GA Board of Elections & Voter Registration.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into executive was made by Randy Howard for personnel reasons. Motion second by Rhonda Reddick.

Motion carried

The meeting went into executive sessions at 4:55 pm.

The meeting resumed from executive session at 5:08 p.m.

XIII. BOARD MEMBERS REMARKS

Mr. Walker went by the Sumter County Exposition Center and noticed it was cold and was glad to hear that the voting had been switched to the smaller room. He brought snacks and hand warmers to the poll workers. Also, he wanted to know the process of becoming a poll worker. Dr. Latimore stated that the first step is to come to the election office where the hours and expectations can be explained to the applicant. Next the applicant is taken to Human Resources to apply. Dr. Roberts welcomed the new election office staff. Mr. Howard informed Mrs. Patterson about the department mobile phone and credit card. Ms. Reddick welcomed the new election office staff. No other comments.

IV. MEETING ADJOURN