

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 2020**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Gaston at 4:30 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**a. Board Members Present:**

Chairman James Gaston, Vice Chair, Dr. Shirley Latimore, Carson Walker, Rhonda Reddick and Marty McDonald (Attorney Kimberly Reid not present)

**b. Staff Present:**

Randy Howard, and Julia Sims

**III. MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:**

Motion made by Marty McDonald

Second by Carson Walker

Approved by full Board

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 7, 2020 MINUTES**

Motion made by Dr. Shirley Latimore

Second by Rhonda Reddick

**V. BUDGET PRESENTAION:**

Copy of budget presented to the BOE. Explanations: The budget year started July 1 and will end June 30, 2021. Salaries spent at this time, more discussion in August in regard to expenditures.

**VI. BY LAWS UPDATE:**

A short discussion of the By Laws after meeting with Ms. Kimberly, Vice Chair Dr. Shirley Latimore, Carson Walker and Randy Howard. A very good meeting and discussion. We believe we are finished with them but needed a rough draft of the By Laws for the Board Review, then vote. Ms. Kimberly read over for spelling, wording and then present to us. Since Ms. Kimberly was not present the By Laws discussion will be on the September 1, 2020 Regular Board of Election meeting agenda. Ms. Reid had a telephone conference call.

**VII. ELECTION SCHEDULE HANDOUT AND DISCUSSION**

Randy Howard handed out to the Board a schedule listing the dates, times, location of the Early Voting and November 3<sup>rd</sup> General Election.

Also, there was discussion of the Absentee Ballots Drop Box and it is scheduled to open October 12<sup>th</sup>; but would probably change when the Secretary of State

starts to mail out the ballots. This could possibly be around September 15<sup>th</sup> or a little later. Also, the Board was advised that Julia Sims and Lois Phillips would handle the checking and pick up of the Absentee Ballots as in the past election. They would be sworn in closer to the Sec of State mail out and the box would be properly marked and made secured.

Dr. Latimore was concerned if the voters would be sent anything to notify them of what school board district they were in. Dr. Latimore was told that Precincts Card would be mailed out to each voter listing the Precinct they would vote in.

Dr. Latimore asked about placement of maps and she was advised they were checking with Lowes and Walmart.

**VIII. SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION DISCUSSION**

Randy Howard distributed to the board information regarding the Sumter County School Board qualifying, maps for the district, dealing with advertising with the newspaper and the shopper.

Most important 1,3,5, and 7 would take office shortly after the election is certified.

**IX. No need for Executive Session**

**X. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Dr. Latimore asked about training and was told by Randy Howard that it would start September 1, 2020 and has two classes a day and schedules were made. Poll Workers were being contacted as to what day they would be able to attend.

Training would continue till election. There would also be Poll Managers and Assistant Poll Managers Training.

Easy Vote Training would be offered to only those who are involved with entry of the voters during voting.

Mr. Howard also encourages the Board to attend at least one of the training.

Dr. Latimore also recommended we should look for another location for Thompson and Plains for the next election.

The old Chambliss Precinct was briefly discussed concerning the taxes and information will be presented to the Board of Commissioners.

**XI. ADJOURN**

Motion to Adjourn made by Carson Walker

Second by Marty McDonald