

Sumter County Board of Elections Meeting November 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Gaston at 6:00 pm

II. Roll Call

a) Board Members

Present - Chairman James Gaston, Dr. Shirley Latimore, Carson Walker, Rhonda Reddick

Absent - Marty McDonald

b) County Attorney

Present - Kim Reid

c) Staff

Present – Randy Howard and Lois Phillips; Poll Workers Lynn Bailey, Mary Cartwright and Kim Watts; and Dominion Technician Monty Sherman (standing in for our regular technician Key Bankston, who was absent)

d) Members of the Public

III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Carson Walker made a motion to adopt the agenda.

It was seconded by Rhonda Reddick.

Motion carried.

IV. Recount of Votes for School District 1 Between Abbis Bivins and Alice Green

Randy Howard explained the recount that recently occurred, and gave credit to and expressed his gratitude for the diligence of the poll workers that helped with that recount.

Mr. Howard handed out an “Affidavit of Good Standing” for each board member to complete. Kimberly Reid clarified a few of the sections of the form.

There was discussion of the voting schedule for the January 5, 2021 run-off election.

With the equipment ready, the poll workers scan the absentee ballots, then the printed ballots from Election Day, for the 3 related precincts – Ag Center, Airport and Reese Park.

James Gaston announced the totals of the recount.

Total counted – 1709
Abbis Bivins – 856 (50.09%)
Alice Green – 853 (49.91%)

Carson Walker made a motion to certify the count taken tonight as 856 for Abbis Bivins and 853 for Alice Green.

Dr. Shirley Latimore seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

V. Other Business to Discuss or Act On

No other business to discuss.

VI. Executive Session

No Executive Session needed.

VII. Board Members Comments

Randy Howard mentioned that the next meeting will be December 1st.

Carson Walker requested that the processing of new voter registrations be made a main priority, so people will know that they are qualified to vote in the January Senate Run-Off Election.

Randy Howard commented that the absentee ballot requests are being processed, and we should be caught up by the first of the week.

Dr. Shirley Latimore encourages everyone to practice the CDC's recommendations as we again hear of the rise in covid cases.

VIII. Adjourn

Dr. Shirley Latimore made a motion to adjourn.
Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Phillips
November 21, 2020