

**Sumter County Board of Elections Meeting  
February 2, 2021 at 4:30 pm**

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Roll Call**

- a) **Board Members:** Chairman James Gaston, Dr. Shirley Latimore, Rhonda Reddick, Carson Walker, Marty McDonald
  
- b) **County Attorney:** Kimberly Reid
  
- c) **Board of Education:** Janice Jarvis
  
- d) **Staff:** Randy Howard, Kathryn Zak

**III. Motion to Adopt Agenda**

Shirley Latimore motion to amend agenda to add Budget  
Shirley Latimore made motion to adopt agenda as amended  
Marty McDonald seconded the motion  
Motion carried

**IV. Motion to Adopt the January 21, 2021 Minutes**

Carson Walker made a motion to accept the minutes.  
Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.  
No discussion. Motion carried

**V. Local Board of Election Legislation Update and Discussion**

- a. Kimberly Reid stated she would send out next week
  - 1. Board Member would get poll worker pay except Election Day would be paid compensation as Board Member, example \$10an hour. Board of Commissioners must agree to cost. Responsibilities include going to precincts and checking everything is correct and delivering missing items. Closing out election night counts.
  
- b. James Gaston suggested that Board of Commissioners set rate. Board would still get meeting rate, not an hourly rate.
  
- c. Kimberly Reid stated by Board of Commissioners setting rate it would be more agreeable with legislature.
  - 1. Board would get same pay for regular meeting as called meeting. Same reimbursement applies. Try not having a meeting on Election Day. If someone calls into meeting they are attending. Internet meeting also considered a regular meeting. Kimberly Reid will put into resolution with details and submit to commissioners. Janis Jarvis will work with Kimberly on this.

## **VI. ESPLOST Election Update**

- a. Randy Howard stated State has approved the ballot. We will start on February 23. He has estimated salaries, labor, internet set up of machines. Advertising costs and absentee ballots and other supplies. Should have totals in 2 to 3 days. We have to have this election. Janice Jarvis will segregate the expenses: salaries, supplies, set up, etc. for future use. Election Day is March 16, 2021. There will be no drop box for absentee ballots.

## **VII. Budget**

All election bills have been received and submitted for payment from last election. Should be paid next week. When bills are all paid we have a real time cost results. Janice Jarvis will meet with the board. Key has taken a position in North Carolina and will be with us until March 12. Board can't afford to keep her as costs are prohibitive. Dominion will still supply techs but costs will be higher. They pay \$30 an hour and expenses, if teaching \$50an hour.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

None needed

## **IX. Board Members Comments**

Marty McDonald no comment  
Rhonda Reddick no comment  
James Gaston no comment

Dr. Latimore brought up conditions at Plains and Thompson. These will all be looked into.

Carson Walker wants to see Sheriff's report on signatures in Plains. Family didn't want to charge so all has been taken care of.

Randy Howard stated that the former Code Enforcement office has been cleaned out. But he can't get the furniture as it is in Lyons and they are only open a few days a week. Mike Shattle has a truck that can be used to get the furniture.

## **X. Adjourn**

Marty McDonald made motion to adjourn meeting.  
Rhoda Reddick seconded the motion.  
Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Zak  
February 2, 2021