

Sumter County Board of Elections Meeting August 3, 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, Marty McDonald, Rhonda Reddick, and Carson Walker

b) County Attorney: Kimberly Reid attended by phone

c) Staff: Randy Howard, Lois Phillips

III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Marty McDonald made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

IV. Motion to Approve the Minutes of July 6, 2021

Carson Walker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

V. City Elections Qualifying and IGA With Cities

Attorney Reid explained the changes regarding expense reimbursements and contract termination in the Tracked Changes document and IGA Agreements for the cities of Americus and Leslie.

Dr. Shirley Latimore made a motion to approve the Americus revised IGA.

Carson Walker seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Marty McDonald made a motion to accept the revisions to the Leslie IGA as presented.

Dr. Shirley Latimore seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Some discussion followed about responsibilities and preparations for city elections.

VI. Budget

Mr. Howard briefly discussed the current budget figures.

VII. Secretary of State Training August 19, 2021 for Senate Bill 202

Mr. Howard gave account of the number of people that will be attending the upcoming training with Robin Carr (from the office of the Secretary of State) regarding Senate Bill 202. Those attending will include workers from surrounding counties, other county's election board members, and our own poll workers. South Georgia Tech will also make the training available to North Georgia counties through live online Zoom Conferencing. Questions for discussion are welcomed during the training. The training session will begin at 8:30 am on August 19th.

VIII. Georgia Association of Voters and Elections Officials Conference

Mr. Howard outlined the expense reimbursement forms that will be used for attending the GAVERO Conference.

IX. Precinct Update

Mr. Howard stated that only some of the precincts may be needed for the upcoming city elections. Also, we are doing improvements and upgrades to some of the precincts. We have installed cameras inside the Election Office as well, with a view of the entrance, the drop box, and the absentee ballots area.

X. Sumter County Elections Web Site

Mr. Howard described all the updates and additions that have been made to the new website, such as pictures, BOE minutes, the new Election Law, and other documents. Also, there are many links to maps and other city information, and requirements for poll workers and poll watchers. Eventually, official election results will be available as well. The work on the website is progressing very well.

XI. Executive Session

None needed.

XII. Board Members Remarks

Mr. Howard reminded the Board Members of the Ribbon Cutting at the High School on August 5, 2021 at 10:30 am.

XIII. Adjourn

Marty McDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Carson Walker seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Phillips

August 5, 2021