

Sumter County Board of Elections Meeting September 7, 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, and Rhonda Reddick

Absent – Carson Walker

b) County Attorney: Kimberly Reid

c) Staff: Randy Howard, Lois Phillips

III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Dr. Shirley Latimore made a motion to adopt the agenda.

Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

IV. Motion to Approve the Minutes of August 3, 2021

Marty McDonald made a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Dr. Shirley Latimore seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

V. City Elections Qualifying and IGA With Cities

Mr. Howard stated that election in November will be only for the City of Americus, which will involve three precincts. He went over the dates and times of Advanced Voting and Election Day Voting. These are posted on the website as well.

Attorney Kim Reid explained that the some of the cities in Sumter County would like to have their IGA's revised to clarify details for open records request expenses and notice of termination agreements. If modifications are made, the Board of Commissioners will need to approve these as well.

Dr. Shirley Latimore made a motion to amend the IGAs of the other cities in Sumter County with the same modifications as were made for the City of Americus.

Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

VI. Budget

Mr. Howard commented that we are still on track with the budget at this point in time.

VII. Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials (GAVREO) Conference Discussion

The Board Members and Mr. Howard discussed the value of the GAVREO Conference. There were lots of good speakers, a large amount of information and presentations, and it was interesting to hear from other counties and what they do. With more communication, people may want to be a part of the different committees and organizations. Overall, it was a beneficial time and a good experience. The next conference will be held in Athens in March of 2022.

a) Board Approval of Mileage Off of Jekyll Island

Marty McDonald made a motion to approve the mileage from Jekyll Island to St. Simons Island, if anyone needed it for meal purposes.

Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

VIII. Special Legislation for Board of Elections Meetings

Attorney Kimberly Reid will send out the draft before the next meeting, for the board members to approve the language, so it can be given to the Office of Legislative Council for them to start working on it. She also suggests that it should not be attached to any other bills, but remain as a separate bill.

IX. Executive Session

Marty McDonald made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

After the Executive Session was completed:

Marty McDonald moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Session.

Dr. Shirley Latimore seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

X. Board Members Remarks

Rhonda Reddick remarked that a citizen of Sumter County wanted her to let the Board of Elections know that they are doing a great job. This citizen likes the new website, and sees that there are a lot of good things being done in Sumter County.

Marty McDonald thanked Mr. Howard and the county for sending the Board Members to the GAVREO training.

Mr. Howard commented that the new law books should be here in September.

XI. Adjourn

Dr. Shirley Latimore made a motion to adjourn.

Marty McDonald seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Phillips
September 10, 2021