

**Sumter County Board of Elections and Voter Registration
Regular Meeting
May 3, 2022 at 4:30 pm**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Shirley Latimore at 4:30 pm.

II. Roll Call

a) Board Members: Chairman Dr. Shirley Latimore, Vice-Chairman Carson Walker, Rhonda Reddick, Marty McDonald, and Dr. Valerie Roberts

b) Attorney: Kim Reid

c) Staff: Randy Howard, Lois Phillips

d) Guest: Latoya McCants

III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Marty McDonald moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Carson Walker seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

IV. Motion to Approve the Minutes of April 5, 2022

Rhonda Reddick made a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2022.

Marty McDonald seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

V. Zoom Information Presented by Latoya McCants

Latoya McCants, from the County Clerk's office, gave an overview of how they use Zoom during their meetings by describing the setting up of an account, passwords, setting up a meeting, logging in, calling in, conduct during a meeting, etc.

There was some discussion regarding the comments area, the legalities of using Zoom and keeping records, and in person meeting attendance.

VI. Board of Election Members Compensation Discussion

Dr. Latimore stated that this Board needs to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners regarding receiving compensation. Discussion followed.

Carson Walker made a motion that the members of the Sumter County Board of Elections and Voter Registration should be compensated for all meetings that occur during each month at \$55 per month, and the chair person at \$65 per month.

Marty McDonald seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

VII. Discussion of Policies and Procedures

Dr. Latimore reminded the Elections Board that the Board of Commissioners will soon be discussing the Policies and Procedures manual. Attorney Reid explained that the Board of Elections and Voter Registration is the Election Superintendent, and Randy Howard is the Election Supervisor. Discussion followed of some of the policies and procedures that may or may not apply to the Elections area.

Dr. Roberts made a motion to recommend to the County Commissioners that the Board of Elections plan to adopt the county's new Policies and Procedures with tailored modifications as deemed necessary by the Election Board after review.

Marty McDonald seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

VIII. Budget Discussion

Mr. Howard went over the budget to date, noting that there has been little change to it. Discussion of each line item followed.

IX. May 24, 2022 Primary Election Update

Mr. Howard gave an overview of how the election is going so far. There was a set-back at the beginning because we couldn't get the equipment set-up at the Early Voting location until Sunday, as the building was unexpectedly being used for another function. However, the Early Voting itself is now going well.

Mr. Howard stated that the GSW building will still be available for a June run-off election, if necessary. However, we will need to be in a different building for the fall elections. The fairgrounds and the high school are two possibilities.

X. Board Members Remarks

Carson Walker commented that the Americus Times Recorder newspaper had a good representation of the sample ballots and maps. Dr. Latimore stated that the Shopper is also nicely laid out with the information as well.

Kim Reid said she has enjoyed working with everyone, and she will be working with the new attorney during the transition period.

XI. Executive Session

None needed.

XII. Adjourn

Rhonda Reddick made a motion to adjourn.

Marty McDonald seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lois Phillips

May 11, 2022