

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
500 WEST LAMAR STREET
SUMTER COUNTY BOC MEETING ROMM AMERICUS, GEORGIA
TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 3, 2026
4:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Randy Howard

II. ROLL CALL

- a. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Howard, Carson Walker, Jalena Seay and Lynn Bailey
- b. BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Shirley Reese
- c. STAFF PRESENT: Supervisor LaSandra Patterson

III. MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Jalena Seay and seconded by Carson Walker. The agenda was adopted.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 6, 2026

Jalena Seay offered the motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Carson Walker. The minutes were approved.

V. EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION REPORT

A copy of the expenditure report was distributed to all board members, and a summary was given by Mrs. Patterson.

VI. 2026 SUPERVISOR ELECTION UPDATE

The elections office is in the process of cleaning up several projects in GARVIS such as:

- The Street list maintenance
- A number of Records to review (724 voters were flagged by the SOS for review)
 - Age checks (born before birth year or older than 104)
 - Name checks (missing letters, misspelled, special character)
 - Address checks (vacant listing, addresses as business, PO Box as address)
 - 10 – 50 people being registered @ the same address

There were old combos still showing Active in the GARVIS system; we have retired all the 300 combo numbers. This did not impact any voters.

Last month I sent out Municipal Street listing to all the cities to make corrections, so far, we're waiting on 1 city to return their list.

On January 20, 2026, the county commissioners approved the qualifying fee for the May 19th General Primary Election /Nonpartisan election

County Commissioners fee \$240.00

Board of Education fee \$72.00

I sent both parties a copy of our election calendar and asked them to notify the office of when & where they're planning on holding their qualifying and if needed the office can provide the forms.

The ADA Standards for Accessible Design was completed, and 8 precincts passed, 3 failed for non-compliant elements needing repair (Relocate Polling Place).

Fire Marshal Baldwin reported that:

Thompson (building has mold and is unsuitable for voting); we must order a porta potty for each election due to the mold in the restroom which also has to be ADA compliant.

Plains (structure is not suitable for assembly use; there is a crack from the top of the building down to the bottom where the two rooms are joined together).

If the Thompson & Plains precincts were consolidated, the Plains Event Center would be the best option. I have spoken to Kim Fuller on multiple occasions about possibly using the facility as a polling place which has all the amenities that we need for voters: ADA accessibility, parking, 3 public restrooms, proper heating /air and the space is large enough to hold voters from both precincts. She has discussed it with her board, and she stated that they would let us use the building for the 1st time free of charge and afterwards \$250.00 per election (which is the deposit fee), I informed her it would be for 3 days which was no problem and that we would not need it unless there was an election.

I had the TVIC (temporary voters identification cards) system installed on the computer up front to make voter id cards. They would receive a temporary card that day and within 5-7 days they should receive their voter id cards. This card is for voters who don't have any form of identification and it's free of charge.

We have started the prep work for the upcoming election.

- The Election Technician has been reserved
- The U-Haul truck has been reserved

The annual GAVREO Conference will be held in Athens, GA, at The Classic Center from March 22nd – 25th. I previously emailed you the brochure on Jan. 23rd. If there are any additional updates, I will email them to you. If you are interested in attending, I will need to know if you will be attending in person or virtually. Please let me know this information by Monday, February 9th. If you are attending in person, you will need to make your own hotel reservations and keep up with your receipts from the hotel, parking and any meals not provided by the conference. This will need to be turned into me within 3 days of returning from the conference, so that I

can start processing your reimbursements. If you have any questions about this, you can contact me by email or phone, and I'll be more than happy to assist you.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held.

VIII. BOARD MEMBERS REMARKS

IX. ADJOURNED

A motion to adjourn was made by Lynn Bailey and seconded by Jalena Seay. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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