

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
500 WEST LAMAR STREET
SUMTER COUNTY BOC MEETING ROOM
AMERICUS, GEORGIA
TUESDAY
JANUARY 6, 2026
4:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Randy Howard

II. ROLL CALL

A. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Howard, Carson Walker, Dr. Shirley Reese
Jalena Seay and Lynn Bailey

B. STAFF PRESENT : Supervisor LaSandra Patterson ; Elizabeth Robinson

III. MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Carson Walker and seconded by Dr. Shirley Reese . The agenda was adopted.

- *Swearing-in New Board Members:* Judge Bennett swore in new board members, Lynn Bailey and Jelena Seay
- *Selecting Officers for 2026:* Carson Walker offered the motion to select Randy Howard as chair of the Sumter County Board of Election for 2026, it was seconded by Dr. Shirley Reese. Randy Howard is the board chair for 2026
- Dr. Shirley Reese offered the motion that Carson Walker would serve as vice-chair for 2026, it was seconded by Lynn Bailey. Carson Walker will serve as vice chair for 2026.
- Dr. Shirley Reese offered the motion to select supervisor LaSandra Patterson as the board secretary, it was seconded by Carson Walker, Mrs. Patterson will serve as secretary for 2026.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 8, 2025

Carson Walker offered the motion to approve the minutes , it was seconded by Dr. Shirley Reese. 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 office will be offering free voter ID cards beginning next month once the training is completed. It will be advertised on the website and Facebook.
- We are currently accepting ethics reports and January 8th is the reporting deadline.
- The City of Americus payment for the December 2ND runoff election has been mailed and is expected this week.
- The Intergovernmental Agreements expired at the end of 2025. Lawyer Hooks stated that they would automatically renew for an additional 3-year term.
- The owner of the property where the Thompson precinct is located is considering selling the property. The son has not picked up the last 2 checks from the county. I am researching the feasibility of consolidating the Thompson precinct with Plains.
- The deadline to post qualifying fees for the Primary and General Election is February 1st. The commissioners will vote on the fees next week during their monthly meeting.
County Commissioners – 2, 4
Board of Education - 1, 3, 5, 7
- The office will be working on street maintenance, correcting addresses, combos' numbers and cleaning up.
- The active and inactive voters for Sumter County 2026: 18, 976
- Scanners were shipped off for repair on 1-06-2026, they should arrive at their destination on Thursday.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

VIII. BOARD MEMBERS REMARKS

- Mr. Howard notified new board members that they would receive \$60.00 monthly and discussion about an increase will be held at another time
- New by-laws were approved and will be discussed in the future meeting
- The board meeting time was changed with a motion from Carson Walker and second from Lynn Bailey. The new meeting time will be 4:00 pm on the first Tuesday each month.
- There will be a training in March. Board members will receive information about it from Mrs. Patterson
- We will discuss the budget at another meeting to get a good understanding of the budget

X. Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn was made by Lynn Bailey and seconded by Shirley Reese. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm by Randy Howard.