

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
500 WEST LAMAR STREET
SUMTER COUNTY BOC MEETING ROOM
AMERICUS, GEORGIA
TUESDAY
MARCH 3, 2026
4:00 PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
Meeting was called to order by Randy Howard at 4:00pm.
- II. ROLL CALL**
- A. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Randy Howard, Carson Walker, Lynn Bailey, Jalena Seay
 - B. ABSENT:** Dr. Shirley Reese
 - C. STAFF PRESENT:** LaSandra Patterson, Elizabeth Robinson
 - D. ATTORNEY:** Hayden Hooks
- III. MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**
Carson Walker offered a motion to adopt the agenda, it was seconded by Lynn Bailey,
The agenda was adopted.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2026**
Lynn Bailey offered a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Jalena Seay.
The minutes were approved.
- V. POLLING LOCATIONS – COMMISSIONER DAVID BALDWIN**
- County cannot repair/update the Plains precinct; They do not have a lease
 - The boys and girls club has a lease and might be an option for Plains precinct
 - Thompson Precinct is heir property; It can be used in the May election
 - The Plains Community Center, 106 Main Street, Plains Georgia can be used for the Plains Precinct. A resolution to do so was presented by Lawyer Hooks. Jalena Seay offered the motion to accept the Resolution to change the precinct, and it was seconded by Lynn Bailey.
 - The resolution was adopted.
- VI. PLAINS / THOMPSON PRECINCT – RANDY HOWARD**
- Randy Howard has spoken to the mayor of Plains about the condition of Plains precinct, and the mayor has informed him of plans to get the precinct up to standard.
- VII. BY-LAWS – RANDY HOWARD**
- By-Laws will be e-mailed to Board Members.
- VIII. EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION REPORT**
- Supervisor LaSandra Patterson provided each board member with a copy of the report.

- An invoice for cameras from Mr. Fuller was discussed.

IX. 2026 SUPERVISOR ELECTION UPDATE

- **TOTAL VOTERS 18, 937**
- **ACTIVE -17,611**
- **INACTIVE -1,326**
- **As of July 1, 2024, the census for Sumter County population was 28, 972.**
- **Packets for GAVREO conference will be ready for pick-up on March 18, 2026.**
- **New Board members were asked if they had any issues with the training website. They answered no.**
- **The office is currently making some improvements for the poll managers, which will help ensure a smoother election; Signage has been laminated, red bags have been redone, clear bags for transport of signs are in place.**
- **Poll Worker training will begin the week of April 6-11. Asking board members to assist with training. Please inform supervisor as soon as possible of the dates you are available and subjects you will be speaking on.**
- **L&A testing will start once the election project is received.**
- **March 2nd was the beginning of qualifying: it will end Friday, March 6 at 12:00.**
- **March 2nd was the first day to request an absentee application and May 8th is the last day to request one.**

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **No executive Session was held.**

XI BOARD MEMBERS REMARKS

- **Carson Walker asking that board members receive notifications of violations in a timely manner.**

XII. ADJOURN

- **Jalena Seay offered a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Carson Walker.**
- **Meeting was adjourned by Randy Howard at 4:44 pm.**

Minutes: Elizabeth Robinson