

## **STATE OF GEORGIA**

### **COUNTY OF HENRY**

The Henry County Board of Elections and Registration held a Regular Public Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 in the Conference Room, of the Elections and Registration Building, 40 Atlanta Street, McDonough, Georgia. Notice of this meeting was posted in the entrance foyer of the Elections and Registration Building. The Daily Herald was notified of this meeting. Those present were:

Andy Callaway, Chairman and Republican Party Appointee  
Arch Brown, Vice-Chairman and Board of Commissioners Appointee  
Mildred Schmelz, Democratic Party Appointee  
Jon Kirkpatrick, Democratic Party Appointee  
Richard Craig, Republican Party Appointee

Also attending was: Tina Lunsford, Elections and Registration Supervisor, Brook Schreiner and Grayson Davis.

#### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Callaway called the meeting to order.

#### **Acceptance of the Agenda**

Chairman Callaway called for an acceptance of the Agenda. Board Member Craig made the motion to accept the agenda; Board Member Schmelz seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

#### **Approval of July minutes**

Chairman Callaway called for acceptance of July minutes. Board member Schmelz made the motion to approve the minutes; Board Member Kirkpatrick seconded. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Board Member Craig abstaining.

#### **Update Board on BOC appointee to Election Board**

Tina informed the board that the BOC will have a committee by August 10<sup>th</sup> for the selection of the BOC appointee and to have a recommendation at their August

15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board Member Schmelz asked why the Board of Elections Chairperson was not included during the discussion of this issue. Board Member Callaway agreed and stated that he had been in contact with the BOC Chair about the situation.

### **VRAG conference August 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**

Tina informed the board that the State VRAG (Voter Registration Association of Georgia) conference will be held August 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> in Augusta. Employees Tina, Brook and Luane will be attending in order to complete the mandated certification hours. Tina said that based on the conference's agenda the material covered will be similar to what was covered during GEOA. She stated that next year's combined conference will discuss new legislation. Board Member Callaway asked about any rules concerning Board Members attending. Tina stated that the State does allow Board Members to attend but that the State limits the counties to 2 rooms at the conference location. She stated that attendees over the limit will have to stay off-site. She stated the next conference will be the combined GEOA and VRAG next March in Athens. She also stated that if Board Members want to attend and want the hours to count; the Board Members would need to get certified by taking the online classes and then taking a 3 day class with Kennesaw on the machines. Board Member Kirkpatrick asked if the contract was still staying with Kennesaw or if it was moving. Tina stated that the State did not renew Kennesaw's Contract to certify our machines and that the State will take over Kennesaw's responsibilities at the end of the current contract next year.

### **Open Discussion**

Chairman Callaway apologized for not introducing Board Member Craig to his first meeting and thanked him for being here.

Board Member Schmelz was curious about the NOACT process and asked how many voters Henry County removed. Tina stated over 22,000 voters. Board Member Kirkpatrick asked who was in charge of the purging. Tina stated that the State is responsible for keeping an updated voter list with the help of a report from the Post Office and the voter's contact history. She stated that counties run the State's report which shows what voters need to be removed. Board Member Schmelz stated that Fulton County was sending voters a letter stating they are being removed from the voter registration; she asked how our voters are being notified. Tina stated that a notice is sent from the State and mailed to the voter with their last known mailing

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address. The notice states that the voter's information needs to be updated with the County's Elections Office in order to keep them on the active voter list.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments.

**Adjournment**

Board Member Craig made motion to adjourn; Board Member Schmelz seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.