

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, February 7, 2018 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:

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

Also attending was: Tina Lunsford, Elections and Registration Supervisor; Brook Schreiner; Grayson Davis; Pete Peterson, Republican Party Chairman; and Dan Richardson.

Call to Order:

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Chairman Brown called for an acceptance of the Agenda. Board Member Callaway made the motion to accept the agenda; Board Member Schmelz seconded. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Approval of January minutes

Chairman Brown called for acceptance of the January minutes. Board Member Schmelz made the motion to approve the minutes; Board Member Callaway seconded. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Board Members duties and responsibilities- Presenter Ameika Pitts, Secretary of State Liaison

Ms. Pitts introduced herself and thanked the board for allowing her to come to the meeting to talk to them on their roles as board members. She also commended the board on the way they have been serving. She suggested to have check lists for

pre-election, election day, and after election of polling places (ex: ADA compliant, parking, entrances, etc.). She also suggested that on Election Day when visiting the polling locations for the board members to talk with the workers about any issues that have happened, suggestions on improving the location, and communication.

Update Board on polling locations changes for the Oakland, Dutchtown, McDonough Central precincts

Tina presented the Board with new polling locations for the Dutchtown, McDonough Central and Oakland precincts. She then stated the main issues with each location: Dutchtown Elementary School lacked the space for voting; Oakland Elementary School is being remodeled and lacks adequate parking; The principal of Excel Academy informed the office that the academy can no longer be used due to lack of space. Tina proposed a plan to change Oakland Elementary School to Oakland Baptist Church, Dutchtown Elementary School to First Baptist Church of McDonough- West Campus, and Excel Academy to First Baptist Church of McDonough. She then updated the board on the status of the polling locations. Currently we are using 18 churches, 2 recreation centers and 17 schools as polling locations. Board Member Schmelz made the motion to approve the precincts' polling location changes; Chairman Brown seconded. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Inform Board on the Georgia Election Officials and Registrar's Day at the Capitol on February 13, 2018

Tina informed the board that the Georgia Election Officials and Registrar's Day will be at the capitol on February 13th. There will be vendors showing the different voting equipment that the state is looking at to replace the current voting units. She stated that the board is invited to attend and the office will be sending a staff member as well. Board Member Callaway stated that he is undecided about attending.

Open Discussion

Chairman Brown updated the board on the Lake Dow special tax passing the first round with the HOA. He stated that the next step is to go before the Board of Commissioners for their vote to be able to put the question on the ballot.

Board Member Schmelz updated the board on the Secretary of State's changes for the removal of inactive voters.

Tina updated the board on the VRAG/GEOA conference and that two board members were approved to go with the office staff. The conference is March 25th - 28th and will be located in Athens, GA. Dan Richardson was introduced as the Republican nominee for the Board. The position will be finalized before the next meeting.

Public Comment

No public Comment.

Adjournment

Board Member Callaway made motion to adjourn; Board Member Schmelz seconded. The motion carried 3-0-0.