

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, January 9th, 2019 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:

Mildred Schmelz, Chair and Democratic Party Appointee

Dan Richardson, Vice-Chair and Republican Party Appointee

Andy Callaway, Republican Party Appointee

Arch Brown, Board of Commissioners Appointee

Also attending was: Tina Lunsford, Elections and Registration Supervisor; Grayson Davis and Bruce Smith,

Call to Order:

Chair Schmelz called the meeting to order.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair Schmelz called for the acceptance of the agenda. Vice Chair Richardson made the motion to accept the agenda; Board Member Callaway seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Approval of the November minutes

Chair Schmelz called for the acceptance of the November minutes. Board Member Brown made the motion to accept the minutes; Board Member Callaway seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Approval of the December minutes

Chair Schmelz requested an amendment be made to the December minutes. Board Member Callaway made the motion to accept the minutes as amended; Vice Chair Richardson seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Board discussion on 2019 polling place changes

The Director stated that the advertisement of polling location changes has been sent to the paper. She explained the changes being made and showed maps detailing the changes. She also explained the problems finding new locations that would agree to be a polling place. The Board discussed the changes and requested copies of the maps for both parties to help promote voter education. Vice Chair Richardson made the motion to approve the polling location changes as presented. Board Member Callaway seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Supervisor Report

The Director explained the current status of the office workload. She stated that the office is working on the 8,000 applications that missed the deadline for the elections. She stated that there is a conference in March that will discuss issues from the elections in 2018. The Director presented summary statistics of poll workers by age and also issues or complaints that were made regarding the voting units. The Board discussed the topics presented.

Old Business

Vice Chair Richardson stated that he will schedule a meeting with the county contact regarding the disaster recovery plan now that he has the list of polling place changes.

Chair Schmelz discussed the meeting with Homeland Security regarding the Elections and Voter Registration building. She stated that this meeting included Board Member Callaway and the Director.

Board Member Brown inquired if the proposed legislative changes to the Director's position was sent over and the status. The Director stated that it was at the County Attorney's office.

New Business

Chair Schmelz stated that Board Member Kirkpatrick resigned from the Board of Elections and that she received the letter of resignation.

Vice Chair Richardson introduced a resolution commending the entities that assisted with the 2018 fall elections. Board Member Callaway motioned to accept and sign the resolution with any amendments needed for grammar being made. Board Member Brown seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Chair Schmelz talked about the upcoming SPLOST that includes the construction of a new building for the Elections and Voter Registration office. The Board discussed possibilities if the SPLOST fails. These included the time it would take for a new building, finding a temporary location and possible locations that are within the city limits of McDonough. Chair Schmelz stated that this was a subject that they can discuss with the Board of Commissioners and County Manager.

Public Comments

The following people spoke during the public comments section: Bruce Smith regarding possible locations for the Elections and Voter Registration office to move to.

Announcement – Next board meeting on February 6th, 2019

Chair Schmelz announced the date, time and location of the next meeting.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Richardson made motion to adjourn; Board Member Callaway seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.