

**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, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 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

Donna McBride, Democratic Party Appointee

Also attending was: Tina Lunsford, Elections and Registration Supervisor; Grayson Davis, Jon Kirkpatrick.

**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 5-0-0.

**Approval of the February minutes**

Chair Schmelz called for the acceptance of the February minutes. Vice Chair Richardson made the motion to accept the minutes; Board Member Brown seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

**Approval of the February Executive Session minutes**

Chair Schmelz called for the acceptance of the February Executive Session minutes. Board Member Callaway made the motion to accept the minutes; Vice Chair Richardson seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

### **Board discussion on Election Officials Day/Proposed Title 21 Bills**

Chair Schmelz and the Board welcomed Donna McBride to the Board.

Chair Schmelz asked if there was any discussion with House Representative Andy Welch. Vice Chair Richardson stated that there was a brief conversation. Vice Chair Richardson stated that any requested amendments can be sent to the Senate for House Bill 316. The Board discussed the meeting with Representative Welch, House Bill 316 and the purpose of barcodes on ballots for auditing. Vice Chair Richardson requested to extend an invitation to the legislators to spectate the next election for them to understand the process.

### **Supervisor Report**

The Director stated that Chair Schmelz, Board Member Callaway and herself attended the budget meeting. She stated that they discussed the line items and were told they'd be contacted in the future. The Board discussed the Election Building being tied to the SPLOST, capital projects, a temporary location before the 2020 election cycle, time required for the construction of a new building and the location of the City of McDonough's polling location within the building.

The Director stated that the office is up to date with voter registration applications. She stated that there are 62 counties and cities holding an election in March. She then stated that the office won't be able to process applications from those counties until after the elections are certified. The Board inquired when the precinct cards for the polling place changes will be mailed out. The Director stated that we are in the process of moving money into the account in order to mail them.

The Director stated that the office hosted a mock election and demonstration at Luella High School on March 5<sup>th</sup>. She also stated that there will be a voter drive at an apartment complex in May.

### **Old Business**

Board Member Brown requested an update about the legislation regarding the Supervisor's term. The Director stated that the County Attorney has the legislation drafted and that the Board needs to present it to the legislators.

The Director stated that the County Attorney's opinion is that Board Member Brown's term could be an issue if the seat isn't filled when the Board votes on any issue. Chair Schmelz stated that she wanted an official opinion in writing from the County Attorney.

Chair Schmelz displayed a flier as an example to target poll workers. The Board discussed hiring a marketing company to produce the flier or using free clip art. The Board also discussed using county employees as poll workers. The Director stated that the county is unable to do that anymore.

Chair Schmelz stated that the proclamation previously voted on will be sent to the 4 cities. She requested that the Board Members present the proclamation in pairs. The Director stated that she will inform the Board when the proclamation is finished.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Announcement – Next board meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

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 5-0-0.