

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 4, 2020, in the Conference Room, of the Elections and Registrations 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:

Dan Richardson, Chair and Republican Party Appointee

Donna McBride, Vice Chair and Democratic Party Appointee

Arch Brown, Board of Commissioners Appointee

Andy Callaway, Republican Party Appointee

Mildred Schmelz, Democratic Party Appointee

Also attending was: Director Ameika Pitts, Grayson Davis, Terrika Davis, and Brook Schreiner.

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Richardson called the meeting to order.

#### II. Acceptance of the Agenda

Board Member Brown motioned to add Legislative updates and resolution update under 'Old Business.' Vice Chair McBride ~~offered a friendly~~ ~~also made a~~ ~~motion~~ amendment to move the 'Supervisor Report' up to item number 3 and

renumber accordingly, and Chair Richardson accepted the amendment. Board Member Schmelz seconded, the motions carried 5-0-0.

### III. Supervisor Report

- A. Chair Richardson welcomed Ameika Pitts as the new Director and thanked Grayson for stepping-serving in as Interim Director.
- B. Grayson provided a high-level update regarding the various education sessions held regarding the use of the new voting equipment for Henry County residents. discussed that we have had a lot of demonstrations going on. The list of education sessionsdemonstrations that were held is includedis attached in the appendix as a separate document.
- C. Ameika-The Director stated that qualifying began on Monday, March 2, 2020, and would end s at noon on Friday, March 6, 2020. She also mentioned that the office was able to accommodate space for the Democrat and Republican parties to hold qualifying. She presented a list of those of who had ve qualified. Chair Richardson mentioned that some corrections to the list need to be made. Vice Chair McBride went on to state the changes. The Board discussed further, and Chair Richardson asked that all Board Members be sent the final list once qualifying ended.
- D. Ameika-The Director reportedstated that the voting turn out had s been good and that voters had statedve said that the process is-was easier than expected. Chair Richardson mentioned that he went to the Merle Manders early voting location and that voters at this location echoed the same remark, but noted the extra step of having to scan the ballot as a drawback. He went on to state that the poll workers said that the flow of the steps was good, and they wereas pleased to be back at the Merle Manders Conference Center.

### IV. Old Business

- A. Grayson updated the Board that the modular unit wa is up and fully functioning, but since voting wa is happening, not all staff is set up in the modular unit. Chair Richardson asked about the construction in the main office and if it is concluded. Grayson said that wa is mostly concluded, but

~~the~~ carpet was torn ~~up~~ and new flooring ~~would have to~~ be ~~installed~~ ~~put down~~ after voting ~~was~~ over. He ~~continued stating~~ ~~elaborated and said that~~ construction in the main area was complete, and ~~the area now~~ ~~has provided~~ more than ~~enough an ample supply of~~ outlets. Grayson ~~also~~ ~~said that~~ storage space ~~in the building wa~~-is very tight, and ~~both that~~ Commissioners Clemmons and ~~Commissioners~~-Wilson ~~made observations of the close quarters. saw how much of an issue it is.~~ Board Member Schmelz strongly encouraged Board Members to ~~go around~~ ~~tour~~ the office and see what is happening in terms of storage and also ~~to~~ visit the modular. Chair Richardson agreed ~~with Board Member Schmelz it would be a beneficial exercise.~~ Chair Richardson stressed ~~his concerns regarding much-needed for the~~ repairs ~~to that need to be made in~~ the main office and the lack ~~of of mobility inside the ability to move around in the~~ modular unit and ~~wants to the need to still~~ pursue ~~the need for~~ a new building ~~still~~. Board Member Schmelz spoke of ADA Accessibility and how the County needs to address the issue in the main office for the disabled voters.

- B. Chair Richardson ~~mentioned~~ ~~provided an update regarding the propose legislative change to make the Director's term four (4) years vs. two (2) years, moving the appointment expiration to from July to December and removing language with restricts the Board from acting during the vacancy of the seat held by the Board of Commissioner's appointee. He stated Representative Mathiak agreed to share the information with the Henry County delegation, but she was not sure it would result in the legislation being put forth. Chair Richardson said he would reach out to her again and would share the outcome of the conversation. that he had been in contact with Representative Mathiak on whether she will put forth the legislation (to make the Director's term 4 years from 2 years) since it did not have the full support of the Board of Commissioners. He went on to mention that he will be in contact with her again and will let the other Board Members know the outcome of that conversation.~~ The Board discussed further, and Chair Richardson encouraged the Board Members to reach out to the County Attorney ~~to discuss the matter further.~~
- C. Chair Richardson ~~spoke on~~ ~~asked for an update on~~ the resolution ~~calling for the to realignment of county and city the~~ precinct lines so ~~that~~ citizens would not have to go to two different locations ~~during the rare occasion~~

~~where the for a city election has and county item on the ballot. election.~~  
The Board discussed the urgency of getting the resolution mailed out to all of the cities as soon as possible.

## **V. New Business**

The Board was presented with two early voting schedules for the May election. Brook explained the differences between the schedules. Vice Chair McBride ~~would like made a motion to add J.P. Moseley Recreation Centered [insert the name] as a sixth advance voting site and [insert the name] seconded the motion. After further decision, the motion carried with a vote of [inset the vote tally].~~ Vice Chair McBride ~~then~~ the motioned to accept use advance voting option 1:

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of advanced voting for the May 19, 2020 General Primary /General Non-Partisan Election. Voting will be conducted at the following locations and times listed below. Last day to register to be eligible to vote in the May 19, General Primary /General Non-Partisan Election is April 20, 2020. Voters may check their voter registration at [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov). For further information or to request an absentee ballot call 770-288-6448.

Elections & Voter Registration Main Office: 40 Atlanta St., McDonough

<u>April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>8:00 am – 5:00 pm</u>
<u>May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>8:00 am – 5:00 pm</u>
<u>May 9<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)</u>	<u>9:00 am – 4:00 pm</u>
<u>May 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</u>	<u>1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</u>
<u>May 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>7:00 am – 7:00 pm</u>

Merle Manders Conference Center: 111 Davis Rd., Stockbridge

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Fortson (Hampton) Library: 61 McDonough St., Hampton

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<u>May 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>7:00 am – 7:00 pm</u>

Locust Grove Library: 115 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd., Locust Grove

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<u>May 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>7:00 am – 7:00 pm</u>

Fairview Recreation Center: 35 Austin Rd., Stockbridge

<u>May 9<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)</u>	<u>9:00 am – 4:00 pm</u>
<u>May 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>7:00 am – 7:00 pm</u>

JP Mosley Recreation Center: 1041 Millers Mill Rd., Stockbridge

<u>May 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>7:00 am – 7:00 pm</u>
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~~[insert the schedule]. In doing so, both where~~ the Main Office and Merle Manders ~~were to have the~~ have the same ~~early-advance~~ voting schedule and adding J.P. Moseley Recreation Center as a sixth advanced voting site.

Board Member Brown seconded; the motion carried 4-0-1, with Chair Richardson abstaining.

**VI. Public Comments**

Barbara Jessop, qualifying, thanked the office for providing space for qualifying and stressed concern for the spacing issue in the office.

Regina Ward, Ballot Privacy, stressed her concern for the privacy of the ballots and mentioned ~~the~~ May 10, 2020, is Mother's Day.

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**VII. Board Members closing remarks**

The Board Members made their closing remarks.

**VIII. Chair closing remarks**

Chair Richardson made his closing remarks.

**IX. Announcement- Next board meeting on April 1, 2020**

Chair Richardson announced that the next meeting would be April 1, 2020.

**X. Adjournment**

Board Member Schmelz made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Board Member Callaway seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

**APPENDIX**

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<b>Education Sessions   New Voting Equipment</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
<u><del>[Please input info for the session Tina did at the Citizen Academy]</del></u>	<u>8-20-19</u>	<u>6:00 PM</u>
<u><del>[Please input info for the session done at T.O.P.]</del></u>	<u>10-23-2019</u>	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u><del>[Please input info for the NAACP session]</del></u>	<u>12-12-19</u>	<u>6:00 PM</u>
<u>Locust Grove Senior Center</u>	<u>1-17-20</u>	<u>1:00 PM</u>
<u>Hidden Valley Senior Center</u>	<u>1-24-20</u>	<u>1:00 PM</u>
<u>Bear Creek Senior Center</u>	<u>2-5-20</u>	<u>1:00 PM</u>
<u>Heritage Senior Center</u>	<u>2-12-20</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
<u>Heritage Senior Center</u>	<u>2-13-20</u>	<u>1:00 PM</u>
<u>Deltas of Henry County at Dutchtown Middle School</u>	<u>2-15-20</u>	<u>12:30pm - 2 PM</u>
<u>Deltas, NCNW at Mt. Olive Baptist Church</u>	<u>2-17-20</u>	<u>7 PM - 8:30 PM</u>
<u>Red Oak UMC Demo</u>	<u>2-24-20</u>	<u>6:00 PM</u>
<u>Conduent 100 South Crest Dr. Stockbridge</u>	<u>2-26-20</u>	<u>1:00 PM</u>
<u>Conduent 100 South Crest Dr. Stockbridge</u>	<u>2-27-20</u>	<u>1:00 PM 5:00 PM</u>
<u>Victory Tabernacle Baptist Church</u>	<u>3-1-20</u>	<u>11:30 AM</u>
<u>Knights Monumental AME 224 Red Oak Rd. Stockbridge</u>	<u>3-7-20</u>	<u>Noon</u>
<u>Global Impact Church 125 Red Oak Rd. Stockbridge</u>	<u>3-8-20</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>
<u>Mt. Olive Baptist Church 469 Mt. Olive Rd. Stockbridge <b>(postponed)</b></u>	<u>3-15-20</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<u>Rock Spring Baptist Church 20 Island Shoals Rd. Jackson <b>(postponed)</b></u>	<u>3-15-20</u>	<u>1:00 PM</u>
<u>Windsong Clubhouse <b>(postponed)</b></u>	<u>3-15-20</u>	<u>4:00 PM -6:00 PM</u>

