

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, November 1, 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:

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

Also attending was: Tina Lunsford, Elections and Registration Supervisor, Brook Schreiner and Pete Peterson Republican Party Chairman.

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 Schmelz made the motion to accept the agenda; Board Member Kirkpatrick seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Approval of October minutes

Chairman Brown called for acceptance of the October minutes. Board member Callaway made the motion to approve the minutes; Board Member Schmelz seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Discussion regarding Municipal General Election

Tina handed the board members the voter turnout as of 12:00 p.m. November 1st. She explained that the voter turnout has been the lowest that the office has ever seen. The only issues have been problems with signs, which code enforcement handles. She stated that the cities have posted the election dates and times on their

water bills and their city marquees. She also stated that the Elections Office has posted an ad in the paper for 5 weeks. Board Member Callaway asked what time board members needed to be here on Election Day. Tina stated that the office will start opening absentee by mail ballots at 4:00 pm.

Discussion regarding new voting equipment demonstration

Tina stated that Dominion will tentatively be attending the January meeting to demonstrate their voting equipment. Tina passed around the packet that Dominion left for the board to review.

Inform Board of Henry County being given 36 voting units from Hancock County

Tina stated that the state liaison Ameika offered Henry County 36 R6 voting units. These units are being offered at no cost to Henry County. The county approved for office staff to travel to pick-up the equipment. Grayson and Hunter will be picking them up from Hancock County.

Discussion regarding Open Letter from Coalition for Good Governance

Tina handed the board members an open letter regarding KSU Center of Elections. This letter stated that a researcher was inspecting their Elections database and was able to gain access to it. The researcher made KSU aware of the issue and how simple it was to obtain voter information (Date of birth, social security numbers, etc.). During an open records request, KSU made it known that they were aware of the issue. They later wiped the hard drive. There is now a lawsuit against KSU Center of Elections and Secretary of State Brian Kemp. The Elections Office was informed to wait for further instructions from the State about future elections. The information will include best practices for maintaining the election database and building the ballots for future elections. Tina stated that she would keep the board members informed when new information is received.

Board approval and acceptance of 2018 meeting dates

With the holidays in January and July, the board meetings have been rescheduled. Board Member Schmelz made the motion to approve the new schedule; Board Member Callaway seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Open Discussion

Board Member Kirkpatrick had requested an Election Day checklist of what Board Members should look for on Election Day at the polling locations. Tina provided each board member with a checklist. Chairman Brown stated that he would like a poll manager checklist with a synopsis of what the managers are supposed to do at the next meeting.

Public Comment

No public Comment.

Adjournment

Board Member Callaway made motion to adjourn; Board Member Kirkpatrick seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.