

State of Georgia

County of Henry

The Henry County Board of Elections and Registration held a Special Public Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16th, 2020, held on Zoom. Notice of this meeting was posted in the entrance foyer of the Elections and Registration Building and on the County website. The Daily Herald was notified of this meeting. Those present were:

Donna McBride, Chair and Democratic Party Appointee

Andy Callaway, Vice Chair and Republican Party Appointee

Donna Crumbley, Republican Party Appointee

Arch Brown, Board of Commissioners Appointee (No video or audio)

Mildred Schmelz, Democratic Party Appointee

Also in attendance: Director Ameika Pitts, Terrika Davis, Hunter Hatfield, Brook Schreiner, and County Manager Matthews.

I. Call to Order

Chair McBride called the meeting to order.

II. Acceptance of the Agenda

Board Member Callaway made the motion to accept the agenda, Board Member Crumbley seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.

III. Old Business

- A. County Manager Matthews stated that she did execute a purchase agreement Tuesday, September 15, 2020 for the new Elections Building. She continued stating that the county has 45 days to do an inspection of the building, and she stated that Facility Maintenance has already done an

inspection of the building and have identified about \$65,000 worth of improvement that need to be done. She stated that now that she has executed the agreement, she would bring it to the Board of Commissioners' meeting in October to ratify. She stated that the new building appraised at \$2.5 million, and the County will be getting it for \$1.6 million. County Manager Matthews stated that she will keep Director Pitts updated on the process. County Manager Matthews stated the County is moving at a fast pace on this matter and will get the staff in the new building by January 2021. Board Member Schmelz asked if the renovation cost was \$65,000. County Manager Matthews stated that the \$65,000 are for improvements needed for the building outside of the renovation costs, which are anywhere between \$250,000- \$300,000. She continued stating that the County set aside \$2.5 million in capital.

IV. New Business

- A. Director Pitts stated that she submitted an application with the County that they have to approve when making an approach to obtain a grant. She continued stating that she has gotten the approval as of Tuesday, September 15, 2020, and she wanted to share the information with the Board and thank Board Member Schmelz for bringing the grant to the office's attention. Director Pitts mentioned the items that she was attempting to ask for which are as follows: an additional tabulator, an additional Dominion technician, additional PPE, additional staff for a call center and area managers for each district, wait time application for mobile phones, additional iPads and Mifi for the iPads, and additional funding for hazard pay. Board Member Crumbley asked how much money is available. Director Pitts said that the minimum is \$5,000. The Board discussed further, and Director Pitts stated that she would send information about the grant to the Board Members. Board Member Crumbley made the motion to go forth to apply for the Covid-19 Response Grant, Board Member Schmelz seconded. The motion carried 3-1-0.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Board Member Comments

The Board Members made their remarks.

VII. Adjournment

Vice Chair Callaway made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Crumbley seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.