



PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

January 4th, 2022

Board of Elections & Registration Chair Josh Tippens called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE

Josh Tippens
Mike Carver
Rebecca Cantrell
Barbara Ledom-Balducci
Larry Brown

County Staff in attendance:

Stacey Godfrey- Supervisor
Rhonda Waggoner- Assistant

Others in attendance:

Alex Goble- Pickens Progress Staff
Albert Cantrell
John Balducci

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stacey Godfrey led the pledge of allegiance.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Carver, seconded by Rebecca Cantrell, to adopt the minutes from the December 7th, 2021, meeting. Members Mike Carver, Barbara Balducci, Rebecca Cantrell, & Larry Brown voted 4 (Yes), to 0 (No) to approve the minutes, the vote was unanimous.

IV. AGENDA

A motion was made by Becky Cantrell, seconded by Mike Carver to approve the proposed agenda. Members Mike Carver, Barbara Balducci, Rebecca Cantrell, & Larry Brown voted 4 (Yes), to 0 (No) to approve the agenda, the vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

VII. STAFF COMMENTS

Supervisor Stacey Godfrey notified the board that on Thursday December 30th, 2021, Governor Kemp signed into bill the redistricting maps. The office has received correspondence from the Secretary of State that they want redistricting completed and submitted to them by February 18th, 2022. She informed the board that a regional meeting will be held next week as well as a zoom call from the Secretary of State to help with questions on the process. Ms. Godfrey gave a brief overview of the meeting conducted by the Secretary of States Office last month informing all counties that a change would be made to the program that is used by the election officials. The new program is GARVIS (Georgia Register Voter Information System) and would be put into full effect by March 14th statewide. She stated that the SOS would offer training on this new program for employees. Ms. Godfrey said her staff received 844 NCOA (change of address) notices last week and they have all been postmarked and mailed out by the January 4th deadline set by the state. She let the board know that the elections office has already started running ads in the newspaper informing the public of qualifying dates and fees for the May election. She encourages the board members to reach out to their parties and anyone they know who is interested in being a poll worker for the upcoming election. She stated that the number of workers we have returning after the 2020 election has decreased and we are looking to recruit between 25-30 new workers. Ms. Godfrey gave the board an update on the 2022 budget request, and she happily announced that it was approved at the December 2021 commissioners meeting. Also, with the approval of that budget we were able to hire another part time employee for the office and we are happy to announce Mrs. Kathy Browning will be starting this week.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

New board member Larry Brown said he is happy to serve on this board and anxious to learn. Board members Josh Tippens & Mike Carver both welcomed Mr. Brown and said they look forward to working with him.

X. ADJOURN

Motion made by Larry Brown, seconded by Rebecca Cantrell, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Members Mike Carver, Barbara Balducci, Rebecca Cantrell, & Larry Brown voted unanimously 4 (Yes), to 0 (No) to adjourn the meeting.