



PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

March 7, 2023

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

I. ATTENDANCE

Board:

Jacque Elwarner
Mike Carver
Rebecca Cantrell
Larry Brown
Terry Franzen

County Staff in attendance:

Stacey Godfrey- Supervisor
Rhonda Waggoner-Administrative Assistant
Phil Landrum- Attorney

Others in attendance:

Mari Livsey- KnowPickens
Al Cantrell
Dawn Carver

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rebecca Cantrell led the pledge of allegiance.

III. AGENDA

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

IV. MINUTES

A motion was made by Rebecca Cantrell, seconded by Larry Brown, to adopt the minutes from the February 7th, 2023, regular meeting. Members Mike Carver, Rebecca Cantrell, Terry Franzen, & Larry Brown voted 4 (Yes), to 0 (No) to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Retention of November 2020 & January 2021 Election Paperwork

Attorney Phil Landrum gave an update that there is no pending litigation for the records from the November 2020 and January 2021 elections. The board's vote from the March 7th meeting will stand and the office paperwork will be properly disposed of.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Purchase of New Election Equipment for Advanced In-Person Voting

Supervisor Stacey Godfrey provided the board with a quote from Knowink, the company whom the poll pad check-in stations are purchased from. Ms. Godfrey stated she would like to order 3 additional poll pads as spares, and 5 of the new printers and flip stands. That would give a total of a possible 5 check-in stations for the upcoming 2024 election. She said there is a line item in the current budget that would cover this cost and no additional funds would have to be requested from the county.

A motion was made by Larry Brown, seconded by Rebecca Cantrell to purchase the additional equipment. Members Mike Carver, Rebecca Cantrell, Larry Brown, and Terry Franzen voted 4 (Yes), to 0 (No) to approve the purchase. The vote was unanimous.

B. Discussion of Legislative Updates

Chair Jacque Elwarner explained that March 6th was crossover day at the state capital. She informed the board that in their binders was an update from the GAVREO legislative representative.

VII. STAFF COMMENTS

Supervisor Godfrey informed the board that staff attended the GAVREO conference in February. She stated that the staff has brought back a lot of information that will be useful to the office and the board.

One key point she wanted to make was the use of terminology. Ms. Godfrey wanted the board to be aware that the state has changed the name of CES (Center of Elections Systems) to VEDS (Voting and Election Data Systems).

The poll worker appreciation dinner was March 3rd. Ms. Godfrey said despite the bad weather she was pleased with the turnout. She said the staff was very happy to acknowledge the poll workers and thank them for all that they do.

Ms. Godfrey said the staff is still adjusting to the new GARVIS system. The SOS is still working to get all the glitches with the new system worked out.

Staff will attend Easy Vote training in Paulding County at the end of the month.

Ms. Godfrey updated the board on the reports requested from the ethics commission for the municipalities and stated the status for submitting those were complete.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Rebecca Cantrell said she was very happy with the poll worker appreciation dinner.

Larry Brown said he had received a couple comments from poll workers about how much they enjoyed the dinner.

Mike Carver said he was glad to see the benefit of what the board voted to do last year and he was happy to be able to do that for the poll workers.

Terry Franzen praised the information specialist for Pickens County Government about the website and video on the Elections tab.

Jacque Elwarner informed the board that the staff would be working with the county EMA on an action plan for the 2024 election.

X. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Larry Brown, seconded by Rebecca Cantrell to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.