



## PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

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

### **I. ATTENDANCE**

Board:

Joe Walker  
Mike Carver  
Rebecca Cantrell  
Barbara Ledom-Balducci  
Larry Brown

County Staff in attendance:

Stacey Godfrey- Supervisor  
Rhonda Waggoner- Staff  
Phil Landrum- County Attorney

Others in attendance:

Mari Livsey- KnowPickens  
Josh Tippens  
Carol Keith

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pickens County Board of Elections led the pledge of allegiance.

### **III. MINUTES**

A motion was made by Larry Brown, seconded by Rebecca Cantrell, to adopt the minutes from the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting. Members Mike Carver, Barbara Ledom-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 Larry Brown, seconded by Rebecca Cantrell to approve the proposed agenda. Members Mike Carver, Barbara Ledom-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**

### **A. New Legislation Outreach**

Board member Larry Brown asked that this item be added to the next agenda at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting where it was first discussed. The board would like to find more ways to reach out to the public about important dates and legislation changes that will impact future elections. Mr. Brown informed the board that the flyer that had been created with upcoming dates for the May Primary had already been emailed out to two Veteran groups. Barbra Ledom-Balducci said she had handed out flyers at various locations like Kroger and Walgreens. Rebecca Cantrell said she had left flyers at doctor's offices and beauty shops. Supervisor Stacey Godfrey suggested that the board add the Pickens County Senior Center and church groups to the list of civic organizations on the list to reach out to. Chairman Joe Walker discussed that a committee be formed and that a representative from each party be on this committee as well as someone from the election's office. Larry Brown suggested that we wait until after the Primary Election to assign these committee members.

A motion was made by Larry Brown, seconded by Mike Carver to table the new legislation outreach committee until after the Primary Election. Members Mike Carver, Barbara Ledom-Balducci, Larry Brown, and Rebecca Cantrell voted 4 (Yes), to 0 (No) to table this committee until after the Primary Election. The vote was unanimous.

### **B. Update On Pickens/ Dawson County Joint Resolution**

County Attorney Phil Landrum stated to the board that he has completed the draft of the resolution and sent a copy to Dawson County's Attorney but has not heard back from them yet. Supervisor Stacey Godfrey said that she had been in contact with Glenda Ferguson, the Supervisor of Elections for Dawson County, and once their attorney sends a copy to the election's office, they will let us know if any changes need to be made to the resolution. Ms. Godfrey said once we have a final draft, Dawson County will present to their board to be voted on, and our board will be presented with the same draft for a vote.

## **VII. STAFF COMMENTS**

Supervisor Stacey Godfrey read a "Thank You" card the Board of Elections received from Mrs. Lindsey expressing gratitude for the donation made to the Lions Club by our office in Paul Lindsey's name. Ms. Godfrey reminded the board that Early Voting started on Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and to date we have had 295. The office has received 143 absentee ballot applications so far and all but five have already been mailed out. Out of the mailed ballots we have received fifteen back to our office. Ms. Godfrey said that her staff is in the process of sending out over 25,000 redistricting post cards to inform the voters that Pickens County's Congressional District has changed. Ms. Godfrey said her office recently held Poll Worker Training in April with an attendance of seventy-five people. She said they are also looking at scheduling a makeup date for anyone who was not able to attend but still wanted to work the Primary Election. Ms. Godfrey reminded the board of important dates coming up: today thru May 20<sup>th</sup> is early voting at the Pickens County Rec Center, May 13<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit an absentee ballot application, and May 24<sup>th</sup> is the Primary Election. Ms. Godfrey said this year they added extra machines to any precinct that

had the available space, and at early voting the number of machines were doubled. She said that the additional machines should help with wait times even though the ballot is much larger than normal. Ms. Godfrey also said this was the only year to have a trial run on using more machines before the 2024 Presidential Election.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**IX. BOARD COMMENTS**

Board member Mike Carver said he went to vote today, and it was a quick and easy process just like it should be. He said he appreciates all the hard work that the staff has been doing. Larry Brown said he has visited the advanced voting location twice and he said the flow is so much better. Barbara Ledom-Balducci said she was extremely impressed with the packets that the office made for Poll Watchers, and she said the whole staff was fantastic. Chairman Joe Walker said the whole staff has done an excellent job.

**X. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm by Chairman Joe Walker.