



PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

August 1st, 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
Phil Landrum- Attorney

Others in attendance:

Mari Livsey- KnowPickens
Al Cantrell
Dawn Carver
E Harrison
Albert Cantrell

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dawn Carver led the pledge of allegiance.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DR. PATRICIAL BOONE POLL WORKER AND FRIEND

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Larry Brown, seconded by Rebecca Cantrell 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.

V. MINUTES

A motion was made by Larry Brown, seconded by Terry Franzen, to adopt the minutes from the May 2nd, 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.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Pickens/ Dawson Joint Resolution

Attorney Phil Landrum presented the board with the draft of the resolution that he intends on sending the attorney for the Dawson County Board of Elections. He said if the board has no changes he will send as is and the board can vote on signing once it has been approved with no changes by Dawson County.

B. Polling Place Agreements

Supervisor Stacey Godfrey presented a proposed polling place agreement to the board for review. She asked if the board would like to make any changes to let her know before the office finalizes what will be signed by all polling locations.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Purchase of Easy Vote Software Modules

Supervisor Godfrey gave an update to the board that the current contract with Easy Vote is due for renewal in September. She asked for a board vote to purchase the additional modules.

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

B. Resignation of BOER Member Larry Brown

Board member Larry Brown submitted his letter of resignation effective as of August 31, 2023. He said it has been an honor to serve the voters of Pickens County.

VIII. STAFF COMMENTS

Supervisor Godfrey discussed the progress with the new GARVIS voter registration system.

Staff attended regional training in Godon County in July.

Ms. Godfrey notified the board that qualifying for the 2023 Municipal Election would begin August 21st and go through August 25th from 8:30 am- 4:30 pm for the City of Jasper, City of Nelson, and Town of Talking Rock.

Supervisor Godfrey let the board know that she would be hiring a full time Absentee Ballot Coordinator. With two part-time employees no longer working in the office, we can hire and combine the two positions into one.

Ms. Godfrey stated that she had met with the Superintendent for the Board of Education, Mr. Thomas, and he would be addressing the school board about changing the March 12 Presidential Primary Election Day to a virtual learning day for the students. Supervisor Godfrey said with the number of people expected to vote that day it is a concern to have that many people coming to the schools when the children are there. She will update the board on the status of this once Mr. Thomas gets back with her.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

X. BOARD COMMENTS

Board members thanked Larry Brown for his service on the board.

XI. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Rebecca Cantrell, seconded by Mike Carver to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Approved 08/01/2023

Board Chair

Supervisor