



PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

November 1st, 2022

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-Assistant
Phil Landrum- Attorney

Others in attendance:

Mari Livsey- KnowPickens
A host of Pickens County Residents

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Albert Cantrell led the pledge of allegiance.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made by Rebecca Cantrell, seconded by Mike, to adopt the minutes from the October 3rd, 2022, regular meeting & the October 25th special called meeting. Members Mike Carver, Rebecca Cantrell, Terry Franzen, & 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 Terry Franzen. Larry Brown motioned to approve the proposed agenda. Members Mike Carver, Terry Franzen, Rebecca Cantrell, & Larry Brown voted 4 (Yes), to 0 (No) to approve the amended agenda. The vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Response to Public Request from October 3rd Meeting

Board Chair Jacque Elwarner read aloud a statement on behalf of the Board of Elections in response to the public request from Gary Norman at the September 28th meeting. She stated that guidance from the Secretary of State had been sought on this matter and they responded to all 159 counties referencing O.C.G.A. 21-2-420 (a). Copies were provided to the public.

VII. STAFF COMMENTS

Supervisor Stacey Godfrey notified the board that Logic & Accuracy testing was preformed September 26th in the election's office on all 26 poll pads, 78 ballot marking devises, 13 scanners, & 78 printers for the General Election. All devices were tested and re-zeroed without any issues. She reminded the board that the deadline to register to vote or change voter registration was October 11th. Ms. Godfrey said Pickens County currently has 26,364 that are eligible to vote in this election. She announced the dates of advanced in person voting that started October 17 and will continue until Friday November 4th at 5 pm. Ms. Godfrey gave an update on early voting, and she said as of today 6,500 people had voted and we are averaging around 500 voters per day. She said the office has mailed out 724 absentee ballots and currently received back 490 of those ballots. Ms. Godfrey said she received a letter from Ellen Ahlberg announcing her withdrawal from the Nelson City Council race. It is too late to take her name off the ballot, but notification will be posted at the precinct and the voting booths stating she has withdrawn and votes for her will not be tabulated in the city council race.

Rhonda Waggoner said the office has received a lot of feedback through phone calls, Facebook post, and letters to the editor applauding the elections team for streamlining the check in process to moving the location of voting to the front of the Recreation Center. She said she would like to personally thank all the poll workers for all their hard work.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Mike Carver gave a great job to the staff on the election.

Larry Brown said the feedback from the public has been great. He said the wait times have only been between 20-30 minutes. Mr. Brown gave a special thanks to Roger & Kathy Browning for the great job they have done in making this election happen.

X. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Rebecca Cantrell, seconded by Mike Carver to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.