



PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

December 9, 2022

Board of Elections & Registration Chair Jacque Elwarner called the meeting to order at 5:30 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
Albert Cantrell

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mike Carver led the pledge of allegiance.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made by Larry Brown, seconded by Mike Carver, to adopt the minutes from the November 1st, 2022, regular meeting. A motion was made by Larry Brown, seconded by Becky Cantrell to approve the November 14th minutes for the 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 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. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Certification of December 6th Runoff Election

Supervisor Stacey Godfrey read the totals for the runoff election. She said on election day 7,114 ballots cast, 5,676 advanced votes, 554 absentees by mail, and 1 provisional approved which in all totaled 13,345 votes for the December Runoff.

A motion was made by Mike Carver, seconded by Becky Cantrell to certify the results of the December 6th Runoff Election. Members Mike Carver, Rebecca Cantrell, Larry Brown, and Terry Franzen voted 4 (Yes), to 0 (No) to certify the results. The vote was unanimous.

B. 2023 Municipal Qualifying

Supervisor Stacey Godfrey cited the GA Code section 21-2-132(3)(a) that applies to qualifying. The code says that the qualifying should be no less than three days but no more than 5 days. She proposed to the board that the office hold qualifying Monday August 21st- Friday August 25th from 8:30 am- 4:30 pm.

A motion was made by Larry Brown, seconded by Becky Cantrell to approve the proposed qualifying dates for the 2023 Municipal Election. Members Mike Carver, Rebecca Cantrell, Larry Brown, and Terry Franzen voted 4 (Yes), to 0 (No) to approve the qualifying dates. The vote was unanimous.

C. Poll Worker Appreciation

Supervisor Stacey Godfrey spoke to the board about the poll worker appreciation dinner plans for 2023. She said she was planning to have the dinner at the Rec Center and have it catered. Ms. Godfrey asked approval from the board to start working on this project after the first of the year.

A motion was made by Becky Cantrell, seconded by Mike Carver to move forward with a poll worker appreciation dinner for 2023. Members Mike Carver Rebecca Cantrell, Larry Brown, and Terry Franzen voted 4 (Yes), to 0 (No) to approve the dinner. The vote was unanimous.

VII. STAFF COMMENTS

Supervisor Stacey Godfrey expressed how pleased she was with the voter turnout for the November General Election & December Runoff Election. She thanked the voters for their patience standing in line. Ms. Godfrey said all counties across the state saw a large turnout with wait times. She also thanked her staff, poll workers, IT Department, Rec Center employees, and Public Works employees who made it possible for this election to run so smoothly.

Ms. Godfrey said a Risk Limiting Audit would be conducted at her office on December 14th for the December Runoff Election.

She also reminded the board that there would be no January 2023 meeting because staff would be attending a conference in Athens for the new voter registration system. The next meeting will be February 7th.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Becky Cantrell said job well done.

Mike Carver said phenomenal job.

Jacque Elwarner thanked the staff, voters, poll workers, and Phil Landrum.

Larry Brown thanked the voters and complimented their nice attitudes.

Terry Franzen agreed with the other board members comments. She mentioned the compressed schedule with runoffs. She asked that Supervisor Godfrey be able to respond on behalf of the board if something comes up during the legislative session since the board will not be having a January meeting.

X. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Mike Carver, seconded by Terry Franzen to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.