



PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

August 12th, 2021

Board of Elections & Registration Chair Josh Tippens called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE

Josh Tippens
Mike Carver
Tracey Wright
Rebecca Cantrell
Barbara Ledom-Balducci

County Staff in attendance:
Stacey Godfrey- Supervisor

Others in attendance:
Max Caylor- Pickens County Progress

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Carver, seconded by Rebecca Cantrell, to adopt the minutes from the July 29th, 2021, meeting. Members Mike Carver, Tracey Wright, Rebecca Cantrell, & Barbara Ledom-Balducci voted 4 (Yes), to 0 (No) to approve the minutes, the vote was unanimous.

IV. AGENDA

A motion was made by Tracey Wright to amend the agenda for tonight's meeting and add Preliminary Cyber Security Discussion. Rebecca Cantrell seconded the motion. The board voted on the amended agenda and Rebecca Cantrell motioned to approve the new agenda, seconded by Mike Carver. Members Mike Carver, Tracey Wright, Rebecca Cantrell, & Barbara Ledom-Balducci voted 4 (Yes), to 0 (No) to approve the minutes, the vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pay increases for both full time employees that completed required training with the Secretary of State

A called meeting was held to discuss pay increases for Stacey Godfrey & Rhonda Waggoner after both completed the required training from the Secretary of State. Stacey Godfrey's increase will be adjusted to \$48,000/ year. Rhonda Waggoner's increase will be \$17/ hour. Chair Josh Tippens motioned to approve the pay increases, seconded by Mike Carver. Members Mike Carver, Tracey Wright, Rebecca Cantrell, and Barbara Ledom-Balducci voted 4 (Yes), 0 (No) to approve the pay increases, the vote was unanimous.

B. Preliminary Cyber Security Discussion

A called meeting was held to discuss preliminary cyber security. Tracey Wright handed out information to other board members pertaining to cyber security. She said that we do not want to trade security for convenience, that the public needs to know we are ensuring the election process because the public's trust is broken. Tracey added that routers, laptops, and other devices are all subject to being hacked and hackers are targeting counties. Mike Carver acknowledged that cyber threats are an issue. Tracey Wright asked that the board consider an assessment from a 3rd party unbiased opinion once we get our network updated and running. Barbara Ledom-Balducci asked if this was accepted by the state and Tracey Wright answered it was the board members job to make sure the elections were secure. Rebecca Cantrell asked if Tracey had expertise in this area and she replied yes. Chair Josh Tippens said that he thought the board would have to get permission from the Commissioner's before any such action took place. Josh asked that each board member do their own research on the matter, and they would continue discussion at the next meeting.

VII. STAFF COMMENTS

Stacey Godfrey gave updates on the training that was attended last week in Atlanta. She told the board the office was getting ready for qualifying next week. Stacey also included two emails that had been submitted to the Elections Office pertaining to the meeting date. Two of the media outlets contacted us because of the conflict of the Elections meeting and the Board of Education meeting being on the same night and not having enough staff to cover both.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Max Caylor spoke on behalf of all that vote and wanted to thank the board for serving.

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

NONE

X. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mike Carver, seconded by Rebecca Cantrell, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Members Mike Carver, Tracey Wright, Rebecca Cantrell, and Barbara Ledom-Balducci voted unanimously 4 (Yes), to 0 (No).