



PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

May 17th, 2022

Board of Elections & Registration Chair Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE

Board:

Joe Walker
Mike Carver (By Phone)
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- Know Pickens
John Balducci
Albert Cantrell

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. 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.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Regarding Ballot Order

The Board of Elections called a Special meeting to address the error of the candidates for the local District 1 Commission race being out of alphabetical order. County Attorney Phil Landrum drafted a resolution to go on record to keep this error from occurring again. Supervisor Stacey Godfrey said as of May 17th Pickens County has had 1,989 early voters and 244 absentee ballots have been mailed out. Phil Landrum stated that all the local offices had been submitted in the order in which the candidate qualified for that office instead of in alphabetical order which it should have been listed. This only affected one race locally because the other races either were unopposed, or it happened that the candidates qualified in the order that they would have been listed alphabetically. This resolution states that there was no malice intent, and that it was an honest mistake. A notice will be published in the legal organ for Pickens County as well as located in each voting booth notifying voters of the error. Mr. Landrum clarified that this error does not invalidate the election, that it is merely an error on the ballot. Supervisor Godfrey stated that she had included in the board members notebooks a copy of each form that had been submitted to the ballot builder, campaign finance commission, local media, the original qualifying paperwork from the candidate with the time stamp, as well as the Republican Party's list of candidates who qualified to show that order in which the candidates are listed on the ballot was the order in which they qualified for that office.

A motion was made by Larry Brown, seconded by Rebecca Cantrell to adopt this resolution regarding the ballot order. Members Mike Carver, Barbara Ledom- Balducci, Larry Brown, and Rebecca Cantrell voted 4 (Yes), to 0 (No) to adopt the resolution. The vote was unanimous.

VI. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned 5:36 p.m. by Chairman Joe Walker.