

## COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION

Minutes of Combined Meeting

April 25, 2019

**Present:** Bill Barton, Chairman  
Shirley Huckaby, Vice-Chairman  
Anna Lawhorn, Secretary  
Dr. Mary Sue Ward  
Pat Witherspoon  
Dawn Davis

### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Barton called the meeting to order.

### **Invocation:**

The invocation was given by Shirley Huckaby.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. Dr. Ward made a motion to approve the minutes and Shirley Huckaby seconded. Motion carried.

### **Citizens to be Heard:**

None.

### **Challenges to be Heard:**

None. Changes to the system are currently pending which will allow additional time for felons to respond.

### **Supervisor's Report:**

- a. The recent Adel Special Election went well. Out of the 1646 "active" voters in Adel District 2, 195 cast ballots for a total of 11.85% response. Terry McClain won the election and became Adel's newest councilman. Mr. McClain received 147 votes, with his opponent, Donnie Carter receiving 48 votes. Mr. McClain must run again in November.
- b. An invoice for the March Special Election was sent to the City of Adel in the amount of \$3,500.27. This amount covered all expenses from the special election plus the county fee. The City of Adel has already submitted payment for these expenses.
- c. The new budget for the 2020 fiscal year is due by May 17<sup>th</sup>. It is difficult to determine how much should be submitted since there is so much uncertainty surrounding what will be needed with the new equipment. Although there will be no licensing fees the first year, we will be required to pay these fees for the second year. In addition, the new equipment will require two additional workers per poll plus the paper for the new machines must be purchased by the local offices.
- d. With a very busy year ahead, the SOS office has already requested the election notices for each November municipal election, although this is not normally requested until

August. Notices have been received from Adel, Lenox and Sparks and forwarded to the SOS office as requested.

- e. April is designated as the high school voter registration month. Dawn has delivered the information to the new principal at Cook High School and is awaiting word as to when the drive can be held.
- f. Our office has been informed that the NCOA (National Change of Address) process is about to begin. Lamar is currently working on reviewing the registration applications to prepare for the NCOA process.
- g. Bill, Dawn and Lamar attended the regional meeting in Valdosta on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Chris Harvey and Dennis Carbone from the SOS office were there. Chris spoke about the changes included in HB 316.
- h. As the result of Dawn's divorce and name change, records are being updated on all programs and correspondence letters to show the name change from Dawn Davis to Dawn Arnold.


**Announcements:**

- a. Secretary Raffensperger will be visiting our office on Tuesday, Mar 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am and would like everyone to be present, including the entire Board.
- b. Dawn requested that Lamar attend the next conference in December to be held in Savannah since information will be presented concerning the Presidential Election. After Dawn assured the Board that funds were available for his attendance, Anna Lawhorn made a motion to include Lamar as an attendee. Dr. Ward seconded the motion and it was passed.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Shirley Huckaby made a motion to adjourn. Pat Witherspoon seconded and the motion carried.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd, at 10:00 a.m.

  
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Bill Barton, Chairman

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Anna Lawhorn, Secretary

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