

## COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION

Minutes of Combined Meeting

January 24, 2019

**Present:** Bill Barton , Chairman  
Anna Lawhorn, Secretary  
Dr. Mary Sue Ward  
Pat Witherspoon  
Dawn Davis  
Lamar Ellis

### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Barton called the meeting to order.

### **Invocation:**

The invocation was given by Dr. Ward.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. Dr. Ward made a motion to approve the minutes and Pat Witherspoon seconded. Motion carried. Minutes of the January 10, 2019 called meeting were also reviewed. Pat Witherspoon motioned that the minutes of this meeting be approved and Dr. Ward seconded her motion. This motion also carried.

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

None.

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

The attached list of ten (10) felons was reviewed and discussed. Anna Lawhorn made a motion that these ten be removed from the voter rolls and Pat Witherspoon seconded. The motion carried. Dawn explained that once a felon completes the requirements of their sentence, they must reapply to become a voter.

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

- a. Dawn has been working with Adel's City Clerk, Rhonda Rowe, to determine the steps necessary to conduct a Special Election to fill the council post vacated by Butch Fausett.
- b. According to Adel's City Charter, an election must be held since there was more than six months remaining on the vacant council seat. In addition, the Charter states that a Special Election must be held within 40 days of a seat being vacated. This is not possible with the state election calendar. According to Daniel Connell, county attorney, since the Ade City Charter is obsolete, the state calendar will supersede the city charter guidelines.
- c. The "Call" for the special election was generated and forwarded to the SOS office and then published in the Adel News on January 16 and January 23, 2019. This "Call" provided qualifying information which will be held January 30 – February 1, 2019 in the Adel City Clerk's Office.

- d. Documentation and payments have been submitted for the March Conference at Jekyll Island and the annual fees due for GEOA and VRAG. We have secured reservations at the Westin Hotel which is near the Conference Center on Jekyll.
- e. Three board members will receive an Attendance Certificate at the March Conference and paperwork has been submitted to Jean Lord to accomplish this. Receiving certificates will be Bill Barton – 10 years with GEOA, Anna Lawhorn – 5 year certificate with GEOA, and Mary Sue Ward – 5 year certificate with GEOA.
- f. On January 7, 2019, the County Commissioners voted to reappoint Patricia Witherspoon and Anna Lawhorn to the Board of Elections and Registration. Dawn has contacted the Secretary of State's Office to get the commission paperwork started for these two to be sworn in.
- g. Lamar has completed all voter registration applications that were being held since last October.
- h. Information has been sent to all city clerks reminding them of the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for publishing qualifying fees for each seat coming up for re-election in this year's municipal elections.
- i. Because we have begun a new year, information was sent to all county elected officials reminding them of the ethics filing responsibilities.

**Announcements:**

- a. If a special election is held, Advanced Voting will be held from February 25 – March 15, 2019.
- b. Election for a special election will be March 19, 2019.

**Adjournment:**

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

Next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, at 10:00 a.m.

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shirley Huckaby, Vice-Chairman

02-28-19  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anna Lawhorn, Secretary

02-28-19  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date