

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION

Minutes of Combined Meeting

September 26, 2019

Present: Shirley Huckaby, Vice-Chairman
Anna Lawhorn, Secretary
Dr. Mary Sue Ward
Pat Witherspoon
Dawn Arnold

Call to Order:

Vice-Chairman Huckaby called the meeting to order. Chairman Barton was unable to attend due to recent open-heart surgery. Also, Lamar had shoulder surgery this week.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by Dr. Ward.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. A couple of typographical errors were noted and Dr. Ward made a motion to approve the minutes with noted corrections. Pat Witherspoon seconded and the motion carried.

Citizens to be Heard:

None.

Challenges to be Heard:

A list of five (5) felons was presented for consideration to remove them from the voting rolls. After review and discussion, Dr. Ward motioned that these individuals be removed. Pat Witherspoon seconded and the motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

- a. Qualifying for the November Municipal Elections ended on Friday, August 23rd. No election will be held for either Adel or Cecil, as the incumbents were the only ones who qualified. Lenox has one contested race for Mayor and Sparks has one contested race for City Council Post 5.
- b. Supplies for the November Elections have been received. New envelopes for the Absentee Ballots containing required changes must be used in this election.
- c. Ballot proofs were posted by Center for Election Systems (CES) and have been accepted. Subsequently, ballots were ordered from PrintElect and have been received. The GEMS database was received at this same time and tested.
- d. The L & A announcement was published in the Adel News on 09/18/19 stating that the testing of the voting equipment would begin on 09/23/19. Since Dawn is unable to help with the election while her father is on the ballot and Bill and Lamar are out on medical leave, Shirley Huckaby came in on 09/24/19 to prepare the voting equipment for Advance Voting.
- e. After researching new printers, an all-in-one printer and fax machine was found which met our needs for \$250. Due to billing dates, the new printer will be paid from the next year's budget.

We also ordered two (2) new computers through ONYX after securing three (3) price comparisons based on county policy. These updated, faster computers cost \$1118 each. An invoice has already been received from ONYX to make sure the computers are paid from the current budget year. The new printer has been received and the new computers should be installed before Advance Voting begins.

- f. Secretary of State Raffensperger came by for a brief visit on 09/19/19 to discuss voting/new equipment and answer questions. He then met with the County Commissioners and Sheriff.
- g. Dawn and Lamar attended a regional meeting in Valdosta on 09/20/19 and saw some of the new voting equipment. While there, they met with Dennis and Melanie from the SOS Office to discuss the equipment, required training, etc. They also learned that all counties would be receiving a Mobile Printing Device which will allow us to print our own absentee/provisional ballots. There are still numerous questions concerning this process.
- h. Our county was scheduled to attend two (2) days of training on October 14th and 15th, but due to Advanced Voting and a shortage in personnel, we requested the training be rescheduled for a later date. Make-up training should be held in November.
- i. A set of the new voting equipment to be used for demonstration purposes will be delivered on October 3rd. Remaining equipment will be received after the November Elections. We will need additional help on hand to help break down shipping pallets and move the equipment from the parking lot into the office.
- j. Dawn recently encountered an aggressive, mentally-challenged registered voter in the office. As a result of this situation, a discussion was held concerning security in the office and how we could perhaps install a counter, or reconfigure the office to have a barrier located between the office staff and the general public. Many other counties already have such a barrier and we will be looking further into this matter.
- k. The local Elections Office will be getting new code books soon. We will only be provided two (2) copies per county at this time.

Announcements:

- a. The office will be closed Monday, October 14, 2019 in observance of Columbus Day.
- b. Advanced Voting will be held October 15th through November 1

Adjournment:

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

Next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.



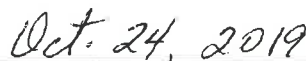
Shirley Huckaby, Vice-Chairman



Date



Anna Lawhorn, Secretary



Date