

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION

Minutes of Combined Meeting

October 24, 2019

Present: Shirley Huckaby, Vice-Chairman
Anna Lawhorn, Secretary
Pat Witherspoon
Dawn Arnold
Lamar Ellis

Call to Order:

Vice-Chairman Huckaby called the meeting to order. Chairman Barton was unable to attend due to recent open-heart surgery.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by Anna Lawhorn.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. Pat Witherspoon made a motion to approve the minutes. Anna Lawhorn seconded and the motion carried.

Citizens to be Heard:

None.

Challenges to be Heard:

A list of six (6) felons was presented for consideration to remove them from the voting rolls. After review and discussion, Ms. Lawhorn motioned that these individuals be removed. Pat Witherspoon seconded and the motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

- a. Advanced Voting began on Tuesday, October 15th. It continues to be extremely slow, with only 10 voters having voted to date. A total of 18 absentee ballots were mailed out, and four have been returned.
- b. Sample Ballots for the Lenox and Sparks municipal elections have been posted in the building in compliance with the Georgia Election Code.
- c. Election information for Lenox and Sparks was published in the Adel News on 10/02/19 providing the Voter Registration Deadline, Advanced Voting dates, Election Day date and times, plus additional important information.
- d. The Intent to Tabulate Early and Computation and Canvassing information was published in the Adel News on 10/23/19 explaining that early tabulation of the absentee ballots would begin at 6:30 p.m. on Election Night and the computation and canvassing would begin the following morning at 8:30 a.m.
- e. Make-up training for office staff in Cook Co. on the new voting equipment has been scheduled for November 20-21 in Macon.

- f. The first round of demonstration equipment was received in the office on 10/03/19. A second round should be received soon. Some practice voting has occurred on the machines, but Dawn will schedule demonstrations with the public at a later date.
- g. The old voting equipment must be inventoried and will be picked up by the responsible vendor once the municipal elections are final. Information concerning this issue is expected soon.
- h. A meeting concerning security issues was recently held between Dawn and Faye Hughes. Dawn was instructed to move forward with obtaining quotes for modifications to the Elections office.
- i. ONYX was unable to install the new computers prior to Advanced Voting; therefore, it was decided to wait and install the new computers after the modifications were made to the office.
- j. Paperwork was submitted to the Accounting Department during the first week of October to ensure GAVREO Membership Dues and the Savannah Conference Enrollment fees were paid by the deadline. Confirmations for conference enrollment were received on 10/22/19. The conference will be held at the Savannah Marriott from 8-11 December 2019.

Announcements:

- a. The office will be closed Monday, November 11, 2019 in observance of Veterans' Day. It will also be closed November 28th and 29th, 2019 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- b. The hallway display case has been updated as requested.
- c. Election Day will be Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

Adjournment:

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

There will be no board meeting held in November, as Dawn and Lamar will be in training. The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

Shirley Huckaby
Shirley Huckaby, Vice-Chairman

12/12/19
Date

Anna Lawhorn
Anna Lawhorn, Secretary

12/12/19
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