

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION

Minutes of Combined Meeting

January 23, 2020

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

Call to Order:

Chairman Barton called the meeting to order.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by Anna Lawhorn.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. Dr. Ward made a motion to approve the minutes. Pat Witherspoon seconded and the motion carried.

Citizens to be Heard:

None.

Challenges to be Heard:

A list of four (4) felons was presented for consideration to remove them from the voting rolls. After review and discussion, Shirley Huckaby made a motion for these individuals to be removed. Dr. Ward seconded and the motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

- a. The Call for the City of Adel Special Election for the City at Large Council position was advertised in the Adel News for several weeks beginning on 01/10/2020. This position is vacant due to the recent resignation of Michael Purvis.
- b. Three people have qualified for the vacant position of Adel Council, City at Large: Walter Cowart; Dennis Eller; and Travis Harper.
- c. The ESPLOST information and the City of Adel Special Election information, with candidates, were sent to the Secretary of State's (SOS) for the ballots to be built and to build the database In ENet. Michael Barnes confirmed that we will be required to hold two separate elections simultaneously, one for the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) and one for the Adel Special Election. He also advised that every county will have a "tech" person on board for the election.
- d. The Qualifying Fees for the 2020 county office up for re-election were established and voted on by the County Commissioners during their 12/16/2019 meeting. The Qualifying Fee Notice was then published in the Adel News on 01/01/2020.

- e. Dawn attended the second round of training on the new voting equipment in Valdosta on 01/15/2020. This session focused on loading the election on the different equipment and the L&A Process.
- f. Over 300 Absentee Ballot Applications for the two elections on March 24th have been mailed. As of this date, over 100 have been received requesting absentee ballots. This office will begin mailing the absentee ballots during the first week of February. The UOCAVA deadline is 02/08/2020.
- g. Absentee election supplies for the March election have been ordered. This includes several new forms that will require training for all election workers.
- h. The former GEMS Office has been relocated to make room for new equipment and associated supplies. Bill and Lamar have worked hard to move furniture and rearrange the space available to be make the best use of our limited space.
- i. Bill, Dawn, and Lamar will be in different locations throughout the County on 01/24/2020 and 01/28/2020 providing public demonstrations on the use of the new equipment. Announcements concerning these demonstrations were placed in the Adel News, the Cook County Advertiser, and on Facebook.
- j. Bill stated that used file cabinets were available for a cost of \$25.00 each if we were interested. Dr. Ward made a motion that we buy two of the cabinets. This motion was seconded by Anna Lawhorn and all voted in favor.

Announcements:

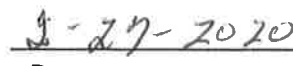
- a. The office will be closed on 01/30/2020 as Bill, Dawn, and Lamar will be attending a regional meeting in Valdosta.
- b. The new computer purchased for Dawn's use has been installed with the updated Windows 10. The new computer for Lamar will be installed within a week, hopefully. Onyx is waiting on one part necessary to finish building this computer.
- c. No information has been received yet on the pickup of old equipment and delivery of the new equipment.

Adjournment:

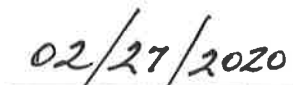
There being no further business, Dr. Ward made a motion to adjourn. Shirley Huckaby seconded and the motion carried.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.


Bill Barton, Chairman


Date


Anna Lawhorn, Secretary


Date