

**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS**

January 8, 2018 @ 8:30 A.M.

**Board of Elections & Registration Office
284 GA Highway 119 South, Springfield, GA 31329**

The Board of Elections and Registration held its monthly meeting on January 8, 2018.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING AND ROLL CALL:

Those present were; Chairman Tommy Allen, Vice Chairman Glenda King, Secretary Carla Freels, Board Member Ruth Brown, Board Member Rose Harvey, Supervisor Olivia Morgan, and Staff Member Laura Bassett. Also in attendance were Democrat Party Chairman Tony Chiariello and Democrat Party Treasurer Jack Garvin.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. Chairman Allen led the Invocation and the Pledge was recited. The meeting was properly advertised.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

The Agenda was presented, and it was approved as presented to the Board.

MINUTES:

The Minutes from the December 11, 2017 Board Meeting were presented. Board Member Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.

HEARING:

Chairman Allen called for any names to be presented for a Hearing. Staff Member Laura Bassett stated that there were no names on the hearing list.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Morgan gave a review of office activities.
 - Supervisor Morgan said that new polling locations to replace the Multi Agency Call Center were being looked at including New Hope Christian Church and Pineora Baptist Church. Supervisor Morgan contacted County Administrator Steve Davis for suggestions. He did not like the idea of using the Fire Station or the Recycling Center. He said if we

could not find any other locations he would make sure that accommodations would be made at the Call Center.

- Grace Baptist Church has notified us that they are unwilling to fix the broken air conditioner unit that has been broken since 2016. We will need to move 2C to a new location. A possibility is Bible Lutheran.
- Auditing the Kardveyer is continuing with 18 boxes left.
- Letters have been sent to the party chair people with information about qualifying. The County Clerk Stephanie Johnson will need to set the qualifying fees. Qualifying will be March 5th through March 9th from 9 to 5 and until noon on Friday.
- Based on available hours office temp Sandi Jordan will not return to work until election time.
- Supervisor Morgan said she has sent 3 emails that have gone unanswered to IT Director Chris Reed regarding the progress of the new early voting system.
- January 18, 2018 will be the regional meeting in Millen, GA and the topic will be Ethics.
- We received an email from the Secretary of State's office that Michael Barnes (formerly with KSU) will be joining their staff and they will be hiring an all new staff to replace the KSU staff.
- There have been no updates on new voting equipment.

➤ Budget Presentation

- Supervisor Morgan reported that she did not budget for the two General Runoffs, but she did budget for the General Primary Runoff. There are no other budget changes except for the VRAG and GEOA conferences that are now combined and we need new digital registration card scanners.
- The temporary poll workers must work less than 1000 hours. Supervisor Morgan said that she is going to talk to HR about making Sandi Jordan a part time addition to the staff. Currently we need her at least 300 hours per election.
- A motion was made by Secretary Freels to accept the budget as presented. Board Member Harvey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BOARD OR STAFF CONCERNS:

- There were no Board or Staff concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business was required. Secretary Freels made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Harvey gave the second. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be scheduled for February 12, 2018 at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Carla Freels, Secretary