

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

February 12, 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 February 12, 2018.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING AND ROLL CALL:

Those present were; Chairman Tommy Allen, Vice Chairman Glenda King, Board Member Ruth Brown, Supervisor Olivia Morgan, and Staff Member Laura Bassett. Also in attendance were Democrat Party Chairman Tony Chiariello and Democrat Party Treasurer Jack Garvin. Not present were Secretary Carla Freels and Board Member Rose Harvey.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 8:33 A.M. Board Member Brown 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 January 8, 2018 Board Meeting were presented. Vice Chairman King 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 the office staff is working on the final 3 boxes of the Kardveyer audit.
 - Supervisor Morgan and Staff Member Bassett attended the regional meeting for our elections area in Jenkins County. The featured speaker was Maria Bazile from the Ethics Commission. Her presentation covered proper paperwork filing for Elections Officers,

changes in the Ethics Office procedures to include focus on late filing candidates. Other topics at the meeting included best practices for Poll Worker training and the possibility of the State of Georgia changing our voting equipment. The next regional meeting is set for June 15th in McIntosh County.

- Supervisor Morgan was contacted by the Ethics Commission with a records request for all of the ethics filings for School Board Member Troy Alford.
- Commissioner Jamie Deloach called Supervisor Morgan to ask for an update regarding our early voting system that the IT department is working on. After the update Commissioner Deloach called back to say he had spoken with Fiona Charleton from Finance and she said the tablets had been purchased.
- Supervisor Morgan spoke with Chris Reed, the IT Director about the early voting system. He said that he is having trouble with the signature capture. Supervisor Morgan said that if the system is not ready by the beginning of March that it will be too late to test the system and train the poll workers. IT Director Reed also said that the 3 laptops that had been requested in 2016 still have not been ordered.
- A meeting was held for all county supervisors and directors to meet the Finance Director Tom Killmartin. County Administrator Steve Davis said that budget meeting will start in a few weeks.
- Staff Member Meyers is working on scheduling people for Poll Worker classes. Training will be in April. We have had to replace five Polling Place Managers this season.
- The polling place survey for Pineora Baptist Church is complete. Elections will be held in the Old Social Hall. There is adequate handicap parking and a handicap accessible ramp to the polling place entrance. There is also a kitchen for Poll Workers to use on Election Day.
- Bible Lutheran Church has given a tentative 'yes' for us to use their facility as a replacement for Grace Community Church. We are waiting for the vote from their council and signature on the contract. Both new locations will need new precinct cards, signs and newspaper ads.

➤ Candidate Qualifying

- Qualifying will be held March 5th from 9:00AM to March 9th until Noon.
- Democratic qualifying will be held at Snooks Reality.
- No word from Republican committee on where they plan on holding qualifying.

➤ New Proposed Legislation

- HB 641 requires any new equipment after July 2017 will have to have a paper trail. HB 680 would discontinue current equipment after January 2019.
- A group day at the Capital for Election Officials will be held on February 13th. Four different election equipment vendors will be demonstration new voting systems.
- HB 652 would end the "No Activities" process to remove inactive voters from the rolls. The state has currently sent a list of 156 voters that will be set from "cancelled" to "active" based on a change of address that the voter filed with US postal service. This change was made based on a lawsuit that was filed against the Secretary of State's office.

BOARD OR STAFF CONCERNS:

- There were no Board or Staff concerns.


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

➤ No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business was required. There was no objection for meeting adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be scheduled for March 12, 2018 at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Carla Freels, Secretary

