

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

**March 8, 2021 @ 9:30 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 March 8, 2021.

**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 and Director Olivia Morgan and Assistant Director Laura Bassett. Also present was Democratic Party Chairman Tony Chiariello, Jack Garvin, John Freels, Guyton Mayor Russ Deen, Effingham Herald reporter Mark Lastinger and Rebecca Brooks.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 9:31 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 February 8, 2021 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. Assistant Director Bassett stated that there were no names on the hearing list.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 2021-2022 Budget update – changes were sent to Christy Carpenter to add \$17,000 for postage that will be needed during redistricting. There will be an additional conference in the spring of 2022, so \$4,000 was added for registration fees and the warranty for the equipment will carry a fee of \$27,000 beginning January 1, 2022.
  - The Budget Committee meeting will be May 3, 2021 at 2:30.
  
- The request from Guyton Mayor Russ Deen for the County Board of Elections to take over handling Guyton's municipal elections that was tabled from the February 8, 2021 meeting was revisited.

- Chairman Allen noted that he was informed by the Rincon City Manager that they too might be interested in the future to hire the County Board of Elections to also handle their municipal elections.
  - The current budget was discussed, as well as the request for the fourth fulltime employee. The request for the new fulltime employee was to help with current workloads, not new additional duties of city elections.
  - Board member Harvey asked if any steps had been made to have the Guyton City Clerk fulfill the election training obligations and Mayor Deen indicated that no training had been done.
- Board Member Harvey made the motion that at this time the Effingham County Board of Elections would not handle the Guyton City Elections. Secretary Freels seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Director Morgan said that she was asked to do a voter registration drive for the High School. The students would like to assist our Board Members with the drive. Director Morgan will train the students on March 17, 2021. Vice Chairman King and Board Member Brown volunteered to help with the drive. Dates will be determined.
- Board members King and Freels are up for reappointment. Director Morgan said she will contact the party chairman to see who they will appoint.
- Rebecca Brooks gave public comment on her concerns with the Dominion equipment.

**BOARD OR STAFF CONCERNS:**

- There were no board of staff concerns.

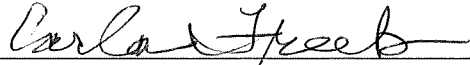
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- The board went into executive session at 10:04 AM to discuss personnel and litigation. Secretary Freels made a motion to exit executive session at 10:37 AM. Board Member Harvey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

No further business was required. There was no objection for meeting adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM. The next board meeting will be scheduled for April 12, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Carla Freels, Secretary