

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

**October 12, 2023 @ 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 October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING AND ROLL CALL:**

Those present were: Chairman Tommy Allen, Vice Chairman Glenda King, Secretary Rose Harvey, Board Member Ruth Brown, Board Member Bernard Scott, Director Laura Bassett, Assistant Director Krystle McDonald, and Deputy Registrar Dezita Thompson. Also in attendance was: Democratic Party Chairman Tony Chiariello.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. Chairman Allen led the Invocation and the Pledge was recited. The meeting was properly advertised.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The Minutes from the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board Meeting were presented. Board Member Scott made a motion to approve the Minutes. Vice Chairman King seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Office Activities**

- Poll Worker training has now been completed. We are still in need of a few standbys, and Administrative Assistant Smalls is currently working on getting those positions filled.
- All ads for the upcoming November 7<sup>th</sup> election have been sent to the Effingham Herald for publication in the upcoming weeks.
- Public Information Coordinator, Mark Lastinger, is looking into possibly having a story in the Effingham Herald to include a sample ballot.
- Sample ballots have now been created, and will be shared on the Election Office's website, as well as made available to voters while in line during advanced voting and on Election Day.
- Assistant Director McDonald, Deputy Registrar Thompson, and Administrative Assistant Smalls attending the Regional Meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Chatham County Elections Office. This meeting was mostly comprised of information related to the new voter registration system (GARViS), presented by Rebecca Anglin from the Secretary of State's office.
- Rincon's September 19<sup>th</sup> election had a total of 530 voters. All voters have now been issued credit for voting.

- Delivery Crew Worker, John Schwarzkopf recently drove to Atlanta to pick up what was initially planned to be a replacement piece of one of the scanners. Upon his arrival at the Secretary of State's office, he was able take two complete scanners, at no charge to our office.

#### **B. List Maintenance**

- There have recently been multiple mailings sent out to Effingham's voters by our office as well as the Secretary of State's office. Below is a recap of those mailings.
  - NGE notices were mailed out by the SOS Office. These were for voters in an inactive status who have had no contact through two general election cycles. There were 1,206 NGE notices sent out. Voters who did not respond were moved to cancelled status.
  - No Contact notices were mailed out by our office. These were for voters with active status that have not had activity for five calendar years. There were 1,116 No Contact notices sent out. Voters who did not respond were moved to inactive status.
  - NCOA Out of State notices were mailed by our office. These were for voters who have filed an Out of State change of address with USPS. There were 763 NCOA Out of State notices sent out.
  - NCOA Out of County notices were mailed by our office. These were for voters who have filed an Out of County change of address with USPS. There were 507 NCOA Out of County notices sent out.
  - ERIC Cross State notices were mailed out by the SOS Office. These were for voters who appear to have recent activity on another ERIC-member state's voter roll or driver services list. There were 473 ERIC Cross State notices sent out.

#### **C. Logic & Accuracy Testing**

- Our office conducted Logic & Accuracy Testing on equipment, and was completed on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. This was for voting equipment to be used during Advanced Voting as well as on Election Day. There were no issues present, and all equipment tested was working properly.

#### **D. Advanced and Absentee by Mail Voting**

- Advanced In-Person Voting begins Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Early Voting will be held October 16<sup>th</sup> through November 3<sup>rd</sup>, to include two Saturdays of October 21<sup>st</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- In regards to Absentee By Mail Voting, currently we have 32 applications received for absentee ballots. Ballots will start to be mailed out on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **E. November 7<sup>th</sup> Election**

- Board Members will need to be present at our office on November 7<sup>th</sup> Election Night at 7:00 PM.

#### **BOARD OR STAFF CONCERNS:**

None.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Democratic Party Chairman Tony Chiariello stated this would be the last Board Meeting he would be attending at Effingham County as the Democratic Party Chairman, due to his residential move to Chatham County.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next board meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. It will instead be held on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, as that is the date for the November 7<sup>th</sup> election to be certified. There was no objection to adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next board meeting will be scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Rose Harvey, Secretary