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## GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Meeting, Tuesday November 12, 2019

The November meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration was called to order by Chairman Gibson at 10 a.m.

Present were Patricia Gibson, Chairman; Sandy Dean, Vice Chairman; Keith Rustin, Secretary; Patricia Featherstone, Member; Tommy Clark, Member; Christopher Channell, Supervisor; Christina Redden, Assistant Supervisor; Taylor Cooper, The Brunswick News; David Pine; Lavonia Clark; and Glenn Hoffmann

### ***Public Comment***

Mr. Pine presented a letter he composed for the Secretary of State and board members. Mr. Pine expressed a desire to see more or different reporting of under votes on voting machines.

### ***Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2019 Regular Board Meeting***

Minutes were approved as printed.

### ***Old Business***

#### ***Update on the New Voting Machines***

Staff training will take place November 18-19 at the Chatham County Elections office. A second set of demonstration machines should arrive soon and will include an ADA kit. Machine delivery and pickup of old machines is being scheduled by the State and should happen after the runoff.

#### ***Polling Locations Update***

Ms. Redden presented the polling location changes ready for vote. These sites have been inspected and will meet both ADA and new machine requirements. Once approved, the changes will be placed in the state's database which will distribute new precinct cards and web updates. Notices and signs will also be utilized according to code.

Ms. Dean made a motion to approve the polling location changes. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0 to make the following changes:

Burroughs-Molette/Zion Baptist will move into the Boys & Girls Club (the old FACES building) and be named Urbana-Perry Parks precinct.

Satilla Marsh will move to CenterPoint Church and be named Satilla Marshes precinct.

Marshes of Glynn will move to the Brookman Community Building and be named Brookman precinct.

Oglethorpe Point will move to Golden Isles Presbyterian Church and be named Hampton River precinct.

Ballard Complex will move to the Ballard Community Building for both early voting and election day and will be named Ballard precinct.

### ***New Business***

#### ***Update from Visit to Lowndes County***

Ms. Featherstone reported an overall positive visit. Lowndes County is happy with the new machines and the support from the State/Dominion. Procedures, training, policies, polling location setup, and supply lists are ever-changing and will not be finalized until after the pilot counties provide post-election feedback. Ms. Gibson and Ms. Featherstone remarked on the quantity, size,



and cost of materials needed at each polling location. Public Works should be involved in planning deliveries before election. Superior Court and County Records Management will also need to be apprised of the extra storage space needed to retain ballots after elections.

Ms. Gibson and Ms. Featherstone also remarked on the general office operations noted during the visit. The office is substantially larger in square footage and staff. Absentee Ballot processing has both dedicated staff and office space. Early voting with the new machines required extra staff.

### ***2019 Brunswick Municipal Election Recap***

All results are final and complete, there are no changes from election night reporting. There were no provisional ballots. There will be a runoff in the North Ward. Early voting will begin as soon as possible, once the State delivers the election database.

### ***December 2019 Meeting Date***

Original date conflicted with the GAVREO conference and was rescheduled to December 3, 2019. This is the date of the runoff. The meeting will be rescheduled to 5pm, December 3, 2019.

### ***Office Report***

The scanning project is 74% complete and has used 49% of the FY20 scanning budget. The current financial report reflects increased postage expenditures and upcoming training fees. December conference registration is complete and board members will receive that information soon. Per request, a three month rolling calendar is now available and currently includes all scheduled machine demonstrations. A board member will accompany a staff member to each demonstration.

### ***Board Member Comments***

Mr. Clark wished to thank the County Commissioners for helping to establish a third early voting location and hoped the press will help spread word about the change. A site tour should be planned as soon as possible. Ms. Gibson tasked Mr. Channell to draft a letter of appreciation.

Ms. Featherstone inquired about voter turnout and policies regarding this information. Voter turnout numbers should be requested directly from the office, not from poll managers. Ms. Featherstone also inquired about office foot traffic and customer satisfaction. Mr. Channell explained the office staff will always try to resolve issues and present options. Ms. Dean remarked that there are some issues and policies which must be deferred to the State but most members of the community are satisfied with office conduct and personnel.

### ***Executive Session***

There was no motion for an Executive Session.

### ***Adjournment***

Mr., Clark made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Featherstone seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.

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Patricia Gibson, Chairman

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Keith Rustin, Secretary