



GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Meeting, Tuesday January 14, 2020

The December meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration was called to order by Chairman Gibson at 10 am.

Present were Patricia Gibson, Chairman; Sandy Dean, Vice Chairman; Keith Rustin, Secretary; Patricia Featherstone, Member; Tommy Clark, Member; Christopher Channell, Supervisor; Taylor Cooper, The Brunswick News, Pam Shierling, The Islander Newspaper, Jeff Kilgore, and Terry Starry.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Clark moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Dean seconded. The minutes were approved.

Old Business

Dominion Voting Machine Update

Mr. Channell reported that the new machines would be delivered on January 22 around noon time. He also reported that we do not have a date for the removal of the old equipment. The County has been informed that the Dominion techs have all been hired and are in the process of being trained. The Counties should know who their tech is and have them in their County by the end of the month.

The State Board of Elections rules regarding the new voting equipment are online and going through the mandatory comment period. One rule of note is the State will not be requiring each polling location to count the number of ballots at the end of the election day.

The State will be conducting the second phase of training on the Dominion Voting System starting this week. Glynn County has been scheduled for January 17th in Hoboken, GA. Mr. Channell, Ms. Redden, and James Manning from the IT Dept. will be attending.

Mr. Clark commented about the first public demonstration of the new voting equipment from the previous night. Approximately 35 people attended the NAACP meeting. The County has received very positive feedback on the informative brochure that Ms. Redden created.

Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Discussion

Mr. Channell presented the Board the recommended budget to submit to the Budget Finance Team for fiscal year 2021. Mr. Channell reported that he and Ms. Redden had met with Mr. Ours to update him on expected and the potential for unknown expenses with the new voting system.

Mr. Channell went through the budget and highlighted the significant changes from the previous year's budget and provided justification for the increases.



New Business

Office Report

The scanning project is nearing completion. We are down to our last filing cabinet. We have moved all the cabinets out of the old filing room as we are beginning to prepare office space to receive the new equipment.

Absentee ballots and UOCAVA ballots need to be sent out by the end of the first week in February. The EMS servers are to be in each County by February 1st. We will have a tight turnaround on getting the ballot out.

Mr. Channell presented a copy of the three month rolling calendar to the Board. There is a demonstration scheduled for today following this meeting. The next demonstration is scheduled for this Saturday for the Glynn County GOP.

Mr. Channell presented the Board with the new absentee ballot envelope.

Board Member Comments

Ms. Featherstone inquired about the Goals and Objectives that were submitted. The Goals and Objectives were submitted with the changes recommend from last month's meeting.

Ms. Featherstone inquired about how we obtain poll workers and schedule them for training. There was a brief discussion on considering part-time poll workers.

Ms. Featherstone inquired about the State Board of Elections hearing regarding the SEB Case concerning the UOCAVA violation in 2016. We have not heard anything official from the State.

Ms. Featherstone suggested that office staff look at coming up with metrics that can track voter participation.

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.

Patricia Gibson, Chairman

Keith Rustin, Secretary