



GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Meeting, Tuesday- February 11, 2020

The February 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; Christina Redden, Assistant Supervisor; Taylor Cooper, The Brunswick News; Paula Galland, WVGC; Julie Jordan, Glynn County Democrats; Mario Pacella, Georgia Democratic Party; Penny Hennessy, Georgia Democratic Party; Pam Shierling, The Islander Newspaper; Terry Starry; David Pine

Public Comment

Ms. Jordan spoke about privacy concerns regarding the new voting machines. Ms. Gibson acknowledged these concerns and discussed ongoing efforts to increase voter privacy including introducing rope barriers to control traffic and new room arrangements.

Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

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

Old Business

Dominion Voting Machine Update

Mr. Channell reported all equipment deliveries will be complete by Friday. The old machinery was picked up the previous week. Ms. Gibson remarked on the hard work of office staff and volunteers during the loading and unloading process. The county's Dominion technician has been appointed. The new equipment was used to successfully print a ballot test deck. UOCAVA and civilian absentee ballot printing and mailing has begun.

New Business

Office Report

The scanning project will be completed soon and is at the end of the original budget. Mr. Clark stated the County Commissioners were aware the original budget and timeline were an estimate and the project may go over the initial figures. One scanner is expected to transition into a general office staff position. The Board confirmed that both scanners will remain dedicated to the project full-time until completion.

Ms. Featherstone inquired about the decrease in purchased and contractual services expenses in the previous month. Mr. Channell explained it reflected the sum refunded by the county IT department for the office EasyVote software renewal. Purchasing to support the new voting equipment continues. Purchasing procedures have slowed the process but all items are expected in time for the March election.

Mr. Channell presented the three month rolling calendar. Dates for upcoming milestones and demonstrations were confirmed. The Board remarked the 2020 Voters Guide has been well



received by the voters and approved ordering additional flyers. Poll worker training for March is complete, more poll workers are needed for May and November.

State Inspections of each polling location were conducted the previous week. There were no unknown issues. The inspections primarily focused on electrical concerns. Brookman will need additional electrical breakers installed.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Clark requested a photo opportunity for local media to increase public awareness about the new Ballard early voting location.

Ms. Dean and Ms. Gibson commented the machine demonstrations have been an effective way to get information out into the community. Mr. Rustin added the demonstrations have also increased the potential of finding new poll workers.

Ms. Gibson inquired about security at the Ballard early voting location. The Board requires a new lock installed for the election with access only available to Elections personnel. Mr. Channell will work with Facilities to complete this task. Motion detecting security cameras will also be installed.

Ms. Featherstone asked about the proposed budget. Mr. Channell has presented the budget to the county Finance department. The budget was well-received and Finance will continue to examine and finalize it before May.

Ms. Featherstone inquired about new State Election Board rules. Mr. Channell explained some of the rules are now established. Other rules are either in the process of review or in a required 30-day public comment period.

Executive Session

A motion was made and approved to enter into an Executive Session.

Adjournment

The Board exited Executive Session and the motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved 5-0.

Patricia Gibson, Chairman

Keith Rustin, Secretary