



## **GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION**

Meeting, Tuesday, June 13, 2023, Brunswick-Glynn Library Meeting Room 1

The June meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration was called to order at 2:00 PM.

Present were Keith Rustin, Chairman; Ward Schaumberg, Secretary; Sue Lane, Member; Tommy Clark, Member; Christina Redden, Assistant Director; Taylor Cooper, *The Brunswick News*; Phoebe Barrett, *The Brunswick News*; Patty Gibson; Terry Starry; Penny Hennessey; and Heather Bryant. Sandy Dean, Vice Chairman and Christopher Channell, Director were absent.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Lane seconded. The minutes were approved 4-0.

### **Old Business**

#### ***Crisis Communication Plan***

Ms. Redden explained features of the plan to be considered by the Board. Other plans throughout the State have been examined and incorporated into this document. However, Ms. Redden believes this plan is unique because it addresses procedural emergencies in addition to physical incidents. The plan requires certain roles be assigned and stakeholders identified before each election, ensuring an immediate and organized response. The Board will consider the workflows, assignments, and identified stakeholders before the next meeting. The Board expects to adopt a final plan no later than the October meeting, ahead of the Municipal Election.

#### ***Precinct Polling Locations and Proposed Map***

Ms. Redden gave an overview of each of the four proposed maps. Mr. Rustin asked each Board Member for comment. Ms. Lane stated a preference to Map 4 which addressed concerns involving District 5 voters currently assigned to Blyth Island and eliminated Northside Baptist. For the sake of the public, Mr. Rustin explained that Northside had been a very loyal precinct but presented logistical and ADA challenges which did not meet the standards the Board has set ahead of 2024. Mr. Clark also expressed a preference for Map 4 because it relieves the traffic in the Brookman area. Mr. Clark also noted his ideal would be nine precincts countywide, three on the island, three in the city, and three in the mainland with more turnout for early voting but he realizes the infrastructure is not currently available in the county to host such large precincts. Mr. Schaumberg noted his disagreement with a nine precinct proposal and endorsed both Map 2 and Map 4, with a preference for the latter. Mr. Rustin asked Ms. Redden to describe the new polling locations, the issues for District 5 voters currently assigned to Blythe Island, and the steps which will be taken to inform voters about map changes. Ms. Redden noted advertising for billboards should be budgeted throughout 2024. Mr. Schaumberg confirmed this plan would completely remove voting from schools. Ms. Redden noted up to forty percent of the county's voters could be impacted by these changes. Mr. Clark made a motion to move forward with Map 4 as the final proposed map, making it open for public comment for 45 days and ready for official adoption after consideration of comments received. Mr. Schaumberg seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

### **New Business**

None

**Office Report**

Director Channell had previously submitted Budget information to the Board. Ms. Redden advised there would be some expenses reported by the July meeting as some end-of-year purchases and equipment invoices had just been received. Ms. Redden advised the Municipal Agreement should be complete by the July meeting. May's voter registration numbers were reviewed. The number of voters is expected to drop significantly ahead of the Municipal Election once all counties begin processing their "dashboard" of voters and other list maintenance logic begins in the State's new voter registration system ahead.

**Board Member Comments**

Mr. Clark thanked Director Channell and Ms. Redden for their help in securing new polling locations, drafting the maps, and managing the reprecincting process. Mr. Rustin noted the substantial number of voters impacted and hopes the press will help spread the word about the changes.

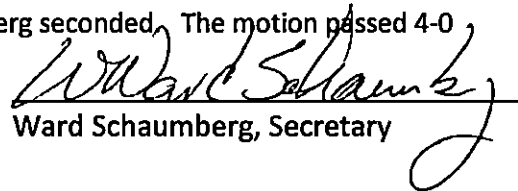
**Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Clark made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Schaumberg seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

  
Keith Rustin, Chairman

  
Ward Schaumberg, Secretary