

SUMMARY OF SUBJECTS ACTED ON AT THE JANUARY 13, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Members present:

Phil Johnson
Kelly Robinson
Dustin Thompson

Members Absent:

Motion passed to approve the Minutes from the December 2, 2019 Regular Board meeting as written.

Motion passed to remove the challenged deceased voters from the electors list.

Motion passed to approve agreement with the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission to conduct qualifying and General Election.

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
DATE: JANUARY 13, 2020**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Phil Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Phil Johnson, Kelly Robinson, Dustin Thompson, and Angela Mantle, Director.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Guests in attendance were Wallace Smith, Gil Davis, Pastor Wes Privett, Joyce Wilson, Sarah Dauby, Bobbie Shepherd, and Mike Hesterley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 2, 2019 Regular meeting as written. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Robinson made a motion to approve the removal of the challenged deceased voters from the electors list. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Robinson made a motion to approve the agreement with the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission to conduct qualifying in March and the election in November. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ms. Robinson inquired about the voting equipment Newton County was receiving and asked if it was a sufficient number. Ms. Mantle stated that the state had increased the number of Ballot Marking Devices with printers and felt that the number should be sufficient for this election year. Ms. Mantle did state that a request for about 20 additional Poll Pads had been made, but had not received a response at this time.

Ms. Robinson also asked about the response to the confirmation notices that were sent to the potential voters that were to be cancelled for no activity for two general elections. Ms. Mantle stated that the office had received maybe 20 notices with a response from the voter and that most of the notices received by the office were returned undeliverable.

Ms. Mantle asked for the Board's approval of ordering absentee ballots from Tattnell Ballot Solutions, certified printing vendor for the new voting system, due to the uncertainty of the delivering and training of the new mobile printing system. She said that the state had

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advised to order ballots to meet the UOCAVA deadline. The Board agreed that ballots should be ordered through Tattnall and Ms. Mantle explained the cost.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Board was provided with a copy of the monthly status report showing the number of Active and Inactive voters as of January 2, 2020: Active – 74,671 and Inactive – 3,798.

The Board was also provided with a copy of a monthly report showing the breakdown of 1,753 voter registration applications received for the month of December 2019. The office processed 377 transferred out-of-county voters and 129 cancellations.

The Board was provided with a copy of the letter from the Georgia Secretary of State's office indicating the amount of voting equipment Newton County will be receiving as well as the cost paid by the state.

The Board was informed that 2,944 records were cancelled due to no activity for two general elections on December 16, 2019 and that 205 of those records were reinstated to their previous status on December 20, 2019.

The Board was notified that the old voting equipment was retrieved from the office on Tuesday, January 7th and the new voting equipment was being delivered on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

Ms. Mantle told the Board that the survey of polling locations had been performed by the Secretary of State's contractors and the information was reported to the state. This information was being compiled and our office would receive a report.

Ms. Mantle informed the Board that she along with Angela White-Davis would be attending new voting equipment training in Athens on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Ms. Mantle updated the Board on voting equipment demonstrations that had been scheduled.

Ms. Mantle advised the Board that plans had been made to begin poll worker training around February 10, 2020.

Ms. Mantle approached the Board about possibly ordering voting booths through Dominion and explained that these booths would be used during advance voting and then sent to different polling locations for Election Day. Mr. Thompson asked if the grant program could cover these booths and if money was available in the budget. Ms. Mantle stated that she would confirm that money was available in the budget. She said that she would check with the state to see if this purchase would apply to grant funding and request a quote to submit a purchase order.

GUEST COMMENTS

Mr. Davis requested a list of the voters for his precinct that were cancelled. Ms. Mantle advised him that information was not provided by precinct.

Pastor Privett of Prospect United Methodist Church asked what they can do as a polling place to make it easier for the Board of Elections. The Board thank Pastor Privett for his offer and stated that they would get back with him once the report from the state was received.

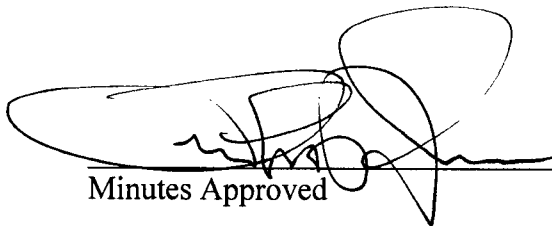
Mr. Smith inquired about a tutorial video on the new voting equipment. Ms. Mantle explained that the state had provided a video on their Secure the Vote website and a link to that sight was on the Election's webpage.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Johnson asked if anyone had any other business to discuss before adjourning the meeting. Ms. Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.



Minutes Prepared by: Angela Mantle, Director



Minutes Approved

2-10-2020
Date