

The Laurens County Board of Registrars met on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 in the Registrars' Office for their regular monthly meeting. Present were David Gay, Chief Registrar and Board Members, Keith Alligood, Christine Baker, Alan Scarbrough and Gladine White. Susan Rooks, Chief Deputy Registrar was also present.

Call to Order.

David Gay opened the meeting in prayer.

Visitors were welcomed.

The minutes of the October 7, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted. Keith Alligood motioned to approve and Gladine White seconded.

The expenditures were approved as submitted. Alan Scarbrough motioned to approve and Christine Baker seconded.

OLD BUSINESS: Susan stated as soon as the Secretary of State's office has certified the election and all audits statewide have been completed that we would then begin to enter all DDS and OLVR applications. She estimated that there were approximately 800 + (actually 1,264 to date) applications to be entered.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan presented the results of the November 5, 2024 General Election. She had mailed 1,413 Absentee Ballots of which 1,284 had been returned to be counted by 7 P.M. on Election night. 13,430 electors had chosen to Advance/Early vote, which brings our total for our office to 14,714 votes cast. On our Election Summary Report, we had 26.30% vote on Election Day, 40.39% Advanced vote and 3.86% returned ballots of those that were mailed. This brings out total voter turnout for this election to 70.55%. She also stated that 20 CURE letters had been mailed and that 18 had responded so that their ballot could be accepted with the accurate information on the "Oath of Voter". There were also 15 Provisional Ballots cast of which 7 had been accepted and 8 rejected. The CURE and Provisional voters were given until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2024 to provide the information needed for acceptance.

David announced that over-all we had a smooth 3 weeks of Advance Voting and the only change we might add is another Poll Pad for check-in and possibly another scanner providing we can get more office space.

He also announced that Bryan Rogers, County Administrator, said that the decision of the Commissioners combining our Board to a Board of Elections and Registration would be announced at their December 3, 2024 meeting. At that time, they will announce who will be appointed as Board Members and who will be the Supervisor of Elections.

At this time our visitors were welcomed. Attending were Angela M. Williams, Carolyn McCune and Rae S. Bloodworth. Ms. Williams asked if we would again consider Sunday voting in the future. David expressed that we had 17 days of Early Voting and Election Day. He explained that we had extended our hours on 2 of those weeks and with a slower turnout on Saturdays, the Board had discussed this issue numerous times and determined we would not be open on Sundays unless it was mandated by the Secretary of State's Office. Susan also explained that a voter could request an Absentee by Mail 78 days but not later than 11 days prior to an election.

The Board then went into Executive Session.