

The Laurens County Board of Elections and Registration met on Monday, January 6, 2025 in the Elections and Registration 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 and Jennifer Brinson, Clerk, were also present.

Call to Order.

David Gay opened the meeting in prayer.

Visitors were welcomed.

The minutes of the December 2, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted. Christine Baker motioned to approve and Gladine White seconded.

The expenditures were approved as submitted. Alan Scarbrough motioned to approve and Keith Alligood seconded.

OLD BUSINESS: Susan asked if the Board had any news on the re-location of the Cadwell Precinct. Alan stated that he had spoken with Clifton Smith, Mayor of Cadwell, about using the Civic Center in Cadwell. He reported that Mr. Smith had stated that the building should be up to the election standards as far as everything being handicapped accessible and that if any updates were needed that the City of Cadwell would provide the updates. At this time David suggested that he, Susan and any Board members who wished to go to inspect the building, to meet at our office on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to depart to the Cadwell Civic Center.

David announced that he, Susan and Jennifer had met with Brad Calder on December 18, 2024 to discuss what his duties were as Elections IT support and what would be needed as we go into a new year as a combined board. Topics discussed were Logistics and Accuracy, Training, Paperwork, Poll Pad set up and getting ready for Election Day.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan stated that all daily activities from DDS, OLVR and My Voter Page are being entered and are keeping all transactions up to date.

She informed the Board that a meeting was scheduled with Genola Jackson on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the transfer of election materials to our office. Also mentioned was a Regional Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in our office. Topics of discussion will be Ethics, Duties of the Board as Superintendent of Elections, Duties of the Election Supervisor and Demonstration of the BMD's, Scanner and Poll Pads.

She also stated that the EMS (Election Management System) had been re-located to our office and that Michael Barnes' office had been notified and we are waiting for their office to come and certify as approved for Logistics and Accuracy. She also informed the Board that a letter to Genola Jackson, former Election Superintendent, would need to be sent, per Senate Bill 212, requesting the custody of all equipment, supplies, materials, books, paper, records, and facilities of every kind pertaining to such powers and duties for this Board to successfully fulfill their duties as the newly appointed Board of Elections and Registration.

At this time our visitors were welcomed. Attending were Rae S. Bloodworth and James Lindsey. Mr. Lindsey asked for help from the Board pertaining to voter registration and Absentee Ballot request procedures for the patients at our local Veterans Affairs Hospital. David assured Mr. Lindsey that the Board would help any way possible.

The regular meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. to go into Executive Session.