

The Laurens County Board of Elections and Registration met on Monday, April 7, 2025 in the Elections and Registration Office for their regular monthly meeting. Present were: J. David Gay, Chair, Christine Baker, Vice Chair and Board Members, Keith Alligood, Alan Scarbrough and Gladine White. Susan Rooks, Election Supervisor was also present.

Call to Order.

David Gay opened the meeting in prayer.

Visitors were welcomed.

The minutes of the March 3, 2025 meeting were approved as submitted. Keith Alligood motioned to approve and Gladine White seconded. Susan stated that she needed to amend the minutes correcting the dates of the precinct changes to run in The Courier Herald to March 14th, 21st and 28th, 2025. The Board approved the change.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Susan stated that Donna Lumley, Finance Manager, was still working on the 2025-2026 budgets and that ours would probably be last as the Election and Registration budget is being combined. Donna has stated that she would be glad to meet with our new Board to help with the budget estimations. Susan said that she would contact the Board for a meeting to work with Donna as soon as she had a date.

Susan also let the Board know that three letters had been received from concerned citizens of Cadwell opposing to the Cadwell Precinct change. One letter had 19 signatures on it but only 8 were acceptable. The supposed petition also was incomplete as should have printed name, signature and residence address as registered. There were multiple names being added by someone other than the person's name on the petition. In order for this petition to be considered they would have to have provided 180 signatures.

She also talked with Keith Alligood about providing the signs for those precincts that are being closed. The signs are required to be 4 feet x 4 feet in diameter and to provide the name and address of their new voting precinct. Susan recommended posting 2 signs at the Cadwell Baptist Church, 1 in front and 1 at the back entrance, and also a smaller Reedy Springs Voting precinct sign on GA Highway 117 directing the electors to their new precinct. A 4-foot x 4-foot sign will also be posted at First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Dublin directing the electors to the Calhoun Park precinct. Alan asked if we could possibly get some post from the Public Works Department for the signs and Susan stated that she would check with either Bryan Rogers or Bishop McIntyre.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan informed the Board that she had received a letter of notification from the Laurens County Republican Party stating that William (Todd) Gay is the new Chair. Also, Zoltan (Will) Rajnay is Vice Chair, Cherry Smith is Secretary and Debran Braziel is Treasurer.

At this time our visitor, Rae S. Bloodworth, asked if we had received any information about the petition of signatures concerning the consolidation of the Dublin City Schools being combined with the Laurens County Schools. Susan stated that she had been contacted by Heather Browning at the City of Dublin asking what information had to be on the petition. Susan requested that the name be printed, a legible signature and the address of the elector as registered. She also asked for either a birthyear or just month and day to help in better identifying the elector but that the date of birth is not required by law. She had also been contacted by Heather that the City School System is requesting an ESPLOST be on the November ballot. Bryan Rogers had also informed Susan that the Laurens County School System had contact him about an ESPLOST to be on the November ballot as well.

Susan also stated that she and Jennifer would be attending a conference in Dallas, GA April 28th through 30th. We will also be having our Region 9 meeting on April 16th. Haley will be here to discuss Ethics, David (KnowInk) will be here to discuss the operation of the Poll Pads and Brad will be here to discuss Election Day set-up and demonstrate opening the BMD's and paperwork.

Christine asked that the Board be reminded by text message of all Commissioner's meetings and any other meetings that may need their attention.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. with the next regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2025.