

The Laurens County Board of Elections and Registration met on Monday, September 8, 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.

There were no visitors to recognize.

The minutes of the August 4, 2025 meeting were approved as submitted. Christine Baker motioned to approve and Alan Scarbrough seconded.

The expenditures were approved as submitted. Keith Alligood motioned to approve and Gladine White seconded.

OLD BUSINESS: Susan and David discussed their attendance at the GAVREO Conference in Savannah. There sessions included Litigation & Legislation, Lobbying, Reapportionment, Qualifying, Open Records Requests, SEB Updates, Certification, Recalls, Poll Pad & ePulse Reports and most interesting of all, the Annual Business Meeting. She and David stated how they were amazed at how everything went awry with confusion during the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan informed the Board of what would be on the November 4, 2025 General Municipal/ Special Election Ballot. The Public Service Commission Race, School Bond and ESPLOST will be county wide.

The City of Dublin will have City Council at Large with Incumbents Sara Kolbie, Tess Godfrey and Richard Mascaro vying for re-election against John C. Hall, Jr., Mitchell Whittington, Rae S. Bloodworth, Ben Lanier, Brandon Chain and J. Roy Rowland, IV. For Board of Education Super District I, Incumbent Kenny Walters has no opposition as well as Super District 2, Incumbent John A. Bell, III with no opposition. For Board of Education At Large Incumbent Regina McRae will face off with Jeff Davis.

The City of Montrose has for Mayor, Incumbent Gina Lynn with no opposition, Council Post 1, Candidate Jodie Young with no opposition and Council Post 2, Candidates Chris Sanders and Tommy Roe.

The Town of Rentz has for Mayor, Incumbent M. L. Knight with no opposition and City Council At Large, Incumbents Cassandra Fountain, Jeffery Morton and George Quick vying for re-election against Jason Mimbs, Jake Smith and Lonnie Stewart.

Susan stated that she had received an Intergovernmental Agreement from the City of Dublin, City of Montrose and the Town of Rentz. The City of Dublin had also signed an agreement for the use of the BMD's.

The City of East Dublin, Town of Dexter, City of Dudley and Town of Cadwell will not be holding an election at this time.

Susan asked at this time for the Board to approve the purchase of 34 Encoder Stabilizer Brackets as the current brackets are not holding securely to the encoders. The cost of each bracket is \$35.00. David Gay motioned to approve and Alan Scarbrough seconded. The company we will be ordering from is Shelton Specialties, LLC.

Susan also stated that she had received a letter from the City of Dudley requesting that their municipal elections be permanently moved from City Hall to the new Dudley Fire Station. They also requested that our office handle all qualifying and announcements about the City of Dudley election. The outcome after qualifying was there would not need to be an election as all that qualified had no opposition.

Susan informed the Board that we would be hosting the Regional Meeting on September 25th and Poll Worker Training would be held September 29th and 30th.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. with the next regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2025.