

## Cherokee County Elections & Voter Registration

### Meeting of the Board.

8.2.2021

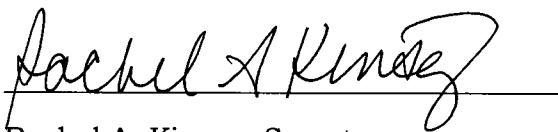
**Members Present:** Alan Shinall, Don Sam's, Cindy Castello, Mike Byrd, and Rachel Kinsey

**Others Present:** Anne Dover, Bradley Myers, Peggy Gastright, Anne Dover, Deborah Davis, Rosanna Thompson, Paul Flexner, and Mercia Cox.

### **Proceedings:**

- Call to order
  - Alan Shinall called the meeting to order 9:48 am
- Approval of Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
  - Cindy Castello made motion to pass, Rachel Kinsey seconded, motion, passed 5-0
- Public Comments
  - Rosanna Thompson had some public comments about legislation.
  - Reporter coming in and it is a bad idea due the DOJ lawsuit against GA for new election bill.
- Approval of minutes
  - Rachel Kinsey handed members minutes from 7.12.2021, members read for any errors, and discussion.
  - Mike Byrd made motion to pass, Cindy Castello seconded motion, approved 5-0
- Discussion- Information presented by Deborah Davis
  - 13<sup>th</sup> of July another lawsuit has been started
  - Diving deeper into election law, Municipalities have to use Cherokee County election equipment if they want electronic ballot marking, BUT they can choose to use hand marked paper ballots instead of electronic machines

- Recommendation of Alan Shinall to reach out to Mandy Ballinger to make sure we understand this and are correct.
- Unfinished Business
  - Rachel Kinsey, Cindy Castello, and Don Sam's are not going to convention due to Covid 19 variant. Alan Shinall will represent the board.
- New Business
  - On reporter, the Communications Director was okay with Cherokee's board and employees' answers to the questions the report asked. Anne Dover still has reservations on the story from the reporter.
  - Motion made by Alan Shinall that we will go forward with story ONLY if Cherokee Board and office of elections have final say in the matter of what is published, and Alan needs to be present when the photographer comes into take photos.
    - Mike Byrd and Cindy Castello do not trust the reporter and do not want the responsibility if things change.
  - Don Sam's seconded motion, passed 3-0 (Alan Shinall, Rachel Kinsey, and Don Sam's yes); (Cindy Castello and Mike Byrd no)
  - Cherokee County Schools should be paying for their elections, it is the Unofficial Opinion U 74-56 that: "there is no compelling reason why one political subdivision should bear another's expenses" The board decided to share the cost with the county manager so they are aware.
- Supervisor's Report
  - See attached from Anne Dover.
- Adjournment
  - Rachel Kinsey made motion to adjourn, Mike Byrd seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.
  - Meeting ended at 10:45 am
  - Next meeting September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



Rachel A. Kinsey, Secretary

Cherokee County Board of Elections