

Cherokee County Elections & Voter Registration

Meeting of the Board.

12.06.2021

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

Others Present: Rosanna Thompson, Jessica Blakenship. Beth Mercure, Anne Embrez, Ursula Cristie, Bill Phillips, Alan Russell, Chris Matheson, Crystal Zucheano, Lorna Lull, Chuck Cape, Mike Mastowski, Joan Housby, Nina Hutcherson, Rose Wildermoth, Jenn Hanna, Trey Crayford, Pam Reel, Valerie Oliver, Jena Snyder, Sanders McConnell, Linda Parker- see list attached.

Proceedings:

- Call to order
 - Alan Shinall called the meeting to order 9:33 am
- Approval of Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
 - Cindy Castello made a motion to pass monthly board meeting agenda, Mike Byrd seconded. Passed 5-0
- Public Comments
 - Rachel Kinsey read the General Conduct of Public in Meetings
 - Alan Russell- Inquired about rumors that the Cherokee County voting machines have been wiped cleaned. Did we still have ballots from 2020? Ballot images erased in our county.
 - Trey Crayford- Spoke same lines as Alan did about voting machines and ballots. Wanted clarification on chain of events if something criminal is found
 - Valerie Oliver- Wanted us to know that the machines are illegal per GA laws and they have been ruled on twice as illegal. Wants Cherokee County to implement a new system to vote.
 - Bill Phillips- Was at the Roleston meeting, there will be a new bill before Kemp about voting. Wants to encourage new voters to come and vote, wants to know what we needed, and how we know people did not vote twice.

- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 - Rachel Kinsey handed minutes members from 11.1.2021 and 11.5.2021 , members read for any errors, and discussion.
 - Cindy Castello made motion to pass minutes, Rachel Kinsey seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

- Unfinished Business
 - None

- New Business
 - Cherokee County Board of Commissioners are looking for maps to be re-drawn and then Board of Elections will assess if we need to re-draw lines.

- Directors' Report
 - See attached from Anne Dover.
 - Anne answered questions from public comments about machines.

- Adjournment
 - Mike Byrd made motion to adjourn, Don Sims seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.
 - Meeting ended at 10:00 am
 - Next meeting January 3rd 2022.



Rachel A. Kinsey, Secretary

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Board of Elections & Registration

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, December 6, 2021 - 9:30 a.m.
Cherokee County Elections & Registration

- **Redistricting** – This process has been delayed until January. Governor Kemp has not signed the 2021 Redistricting Bill and the local maps will not be approved by the legislatures until session in January.
- **Poll Worker Training Location for 2022** – We have secured the Canton City Hall for poll worker training in April of 2022.
- **Poll Worker Background Checks** – We will start the process of submitting background checks to the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office on all current poll workers. Background checks will be a part of the poll worker hiring process.
- **SB202 – Requirement**- As a part of SB202 we will be required to provide at least one voting booth or enclosure for each 250 electors. The majority of our polling locations do not have enough space or circuits to meet this requirement. In order to be compliant with this mandate we are purchasing cardboard voting booths to cover the shortage. The quote for the booths is \$5124.10.
- **Location for Advance Voting** – The First Baptist Church of Woodstock was unable to provide us with the space for Advance Voting. At this time, we will remain at Rosecreek Public Library and will continue to search for a more adequate facility. We have contacted Victory Church on Hwy. 92 (Oak Grove Election Day polling location).
- **Budget - Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures –**
 - Goal #1*** – Increase voter confidence through voter education and transparency.
Objective – Work with local and state parties to send out information about elections. Attend more community outreach events. The director and one other staff member will be serving on the Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Elections Officials legislative committee for 2022.
 - Goal #2*** – Increase elections office productivity.
Objective – All staff members will become Georgia Election Official certified and cross training will continue. We will conduct a study to determine if an additional staff person is needed.
 - Goal #3*** – Work towards decreasing the cost of elections.
Objective – We will conduct a cost study to determine where we can decrease expenditures.

<i>Performance Measures</i>	<i>FY2019</i>	<i>FY2020</i>	<i>FY2021</i>	<i>FY2022</i>
The number of elections conducted.	11	3	1	8
The number of registered voters.	189,624	197,834	200,870	204,000
The number of poll workers recruited and trained	349	560	325	600

- **Conference Dates for 2022** – The GAVREO conference will be in Athens March 20-23. Please let me know if you plan to attend as soon as possible. Registration will be open in early to mid-January. Rooms have been reserved for 5 board members and 4 staff members at the Hilton Garden Inn across from the conference center. If you do not plan to attend, we need to release these rooms as soon as possible.
- **December 15** – I will be out of the office. We have been asked to participate in a group meeting with other election directors from across the state to discuss voter registration and elections.
- **Office Closed** – December 23, 24, 27, 31
- **Anne Vacation** – December 22, 28, 29, 30
- **Christmas Lunch Reminder**- December 7 at 12 p.m. – We have moved the lunch to the warehouse so that we will have plenty of room.