

## Cherokee County Elections & Voter Registration

### Meeting of the Board.

11.01.2021

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

**Others Present:** Deborah Davis, Brandon Sims, Paul Flexner, Lauren Eckert, Gena Houghton, Charissa Dickerson, Jennifer Rae, Mike Mastowski, and Bradley Meyers.

### **Proceedings:**

- Call to order
  - Alan Shinall called the meeting to order 9:35 am
- Approval of Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
  - Mike Byrd made motion to pass, Don Sams seconded, motion, passed 5-0
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- Public Comments
  - Bradon Sims- addressed board with concerns about Sunday voting Survey that went out; in favor of 2 days of Sunday voting. Would like Sunday voting to be on 10.23.2022
  - Lauren Eckardt- addressed the board in favor of 2 Sundays of voting, supporting everything Brandon Sims said.
  - Gena Houghton- wanted to let us know that the address on the website is not correct.
  - Charissa Dickerson- Not wanting to discourage Sunday voting, but Sunday should be a day od rest and separate from politics. Need to stand together, stronger together as Christians, focus on faith on Sunday and feel good about our Country.
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
  - Rachel Kinsey handed minutes members, members read for any errors, and discussion.
  - Alan Shinall made motion to pass minutes, Mike Byrd seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

- Unfinished Business
  - Alan Shinall made a motion to have one Sunday 10.23.2022 voting day for the election on 11.8.2022 at the election warehouse from 1:00-5:00 pm. Mike Byrd seconded motion
    - Cindy Castello stated over 60% of Republican party voted no, she is standing with her party
    - Rachel Kinsey stated over 90% of Democratic Party voted yes, she is standing with her party.
      - Vote 3-0, motion passes
        - Cindy Castello- No
        - Alan Shinall- Yes
        - Mike Byrd- Yes
        - Don Sams- No
        - Rachel Kinsey- Yes
- New Business
  - Request made to have a survey done after the 11.8.2022 election to see if Sunday voting is worth it cost wise.
- Directors' Report
  - See attached from Anne Dover.
- Adjournment
  - Mike Byrd made motion to adjourn, Cindy Castello seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.
  - Meeting ended at 10:00 am
  - Next meeting December 6th, 2021.



Rachel A. Kinsey, Secretary

Cherokee County Board of Elections

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## ***Board of Elections & Registration***

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### ***DIRECTOR'S REPORT***

#### ***Monthly Board Meeting***

***Monday, November 1, 2021 - 9:30 a.m.  
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- **Prep for 2022** – We will be facing several challenges in 2022. The upcoming election has been a good trial run for us. There will be a team meeting on Thursday, November 4 at 9:30 a.m. to review our procedures and start planning how we will handle the workload.
- **Poll Worker Training Location for 2022** – The City of Canton has agreed to allow us to use the Canton Theatre or the auditorium at the Canton City Hall for poll worker training during the first three weeks of April 2022. We are very excited about the opportunity to use a facility that meets our needs. The City of Canton will not charge us a rental fee.
- **Risk Limiting Audit** – Bradley Myers - discussion

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- **Absentee Voting** - We received a total of 438 ballot applications. We have received 8 applications as of 10/27/2021 that are after the cutoff date. We have been very pleased with Fort Orange Press and would like to continue using their service in 2022. The final absentee voting report is attached.
- **Voter Education 2022** – There are several areas that we plan to focus on in the coming months. SB 202 brought about much change that voters will be unaware of in 2022. We have sent emails and letters to both the local and state parties asking for their assistance in education of voters. (see attached sample letter)