

Cherokee County Elections & Voter Registration

Meeting of the Board.

9.13.2021

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

Others Present: Anne Dover, Bradley Myers, Peggy Gastright, Deborah Davis, Wes Cantrell, Brandon Sims, Caroline Craze, Jennifer Rae, Paul Flexner, Katy Stamper.

Proceedings:

- Call to order
 - Alan Shinall called the meeting to order 9:35 am
- Approval of Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
 - Cindy Castello made motion to pass, Mike Byrd seconded, motion, passed 5-0
- Moved Executive Session to end of meeting
- Hearings
 - 2 Voters registered at business addresses and they need to be registered at a residential address (see attached).
 - Rachel Kinsey made motion to remove them, Cindy Castello seconded. Motion passed 5-0
- Public Comments
 - Wes Cantrell addressed the board regarding being in favor of Sunday voting and reasons why.
 - Brandon Sims echoed Wes Cantrell's arguments for Sunday voting and asked the board to open a Sunday voting.
 - Katy Stamper addressed the board about how we determine what is a business address versus what is a residential address and why there was no discussion before we voted to remove the voters.

- Approval of minutes
 - Rachel Kinsey emailed minutes to members, members read for any errors, and discussion.
 - Minutes passed 5-0


- Unfinished Business
 - Ann Dover cancelled with reporter since no one in office felt comfortable in speaking with the reporter.

- New Business
 - Alan Shinall asked Anne Doer to copy conference material from GAVERO conference for all board members and Anne handed them out to board members to read. The material had a specific section that broke down SB 202 in more detail.

- Supervisor's Report
 - See attached from Anne Dover.
 - Board asked Anne Dover to prepare a survey for poll workers and managers to see who would be willing to work a Sunday for voting, and if there is an interest. We will go over results next board meeting.

- Executive Session to Discuss Employee Salary
 - Mike Byrd made a motion to go into Executive Session, Rachel Kinsey seconded it, motion passed 5-0
 - Don Sam's made motion to come out of Executive Session, Mike Byrd seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

- Adjournment
 - Alan Shinall made motion to adjourn, Rachel Kinsey seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.
 - Meeting ended at 10:45 am
 - Next meeting October 4th, 2021.



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Board of Elections & Registration

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Monthly Board Meeting

*Monday, September 13, 2021 - 9:30 a.m.
Cherokee County Elections & Registration*

- **Public Guidelines for Board Meetings** – See attached. We would like to request the BOER to consider posting these guidelines with the meeting agendas on our website and in the lobby.
- **Resolution 2021-01 – Setting the Date of the General Primary**– See attached.
- **Poll Worker Training**– We have transitioned to Zoom and online poll worker training for this election cycle due to the spread of Covid. However, we will be offering the option of hands on equipment training to the managers and assistant managers that would like to participate.
- **Poll Worker Background Checks** – The Cherokee County Sheriff's Office has agreed to conduct background checks for poll workers without charging us a fee. We will implement this procedure beginning in 2022 and will check the national sex offender registry for current poll workers that are assigned to schools. (see attached policy)
- **Proposed Advance Voting Hour Changes for 2022** –See attached. With this new proposed change we would extend the hours during week one by 18 hours, week two by 7.5 hours, week three zero increase. This would be an additional 25.5 hours added to the advance voting times.
- **Contact Information – DOJ**- See attached contact information should you need to contact the Department of Justice regarding threats to election workers. All available employees will view a webinar September 29th on this topic.
- **Logic & Accuracy Testing** – Monday, September 27 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and will continue daily during regular business hours. A newly, proposed State Election Board Rule states the election superintendent or designee shall be available for the first hour of the first day of testing to explain the preparation and testing process and to respond to questions and provide answers regarding the purpose and the process of preparation and testing. Guidelines for observers will be posted.

- **Cherokee County School Board Election** – Intergovernmental agreement discussion.
- **SEB Case No. 2018-037** - has been closed with no further action taken.
- **Elections for November** - Qualifying for the municipalities is complete. We will be conducting elections for the cities of Canton, Ball Ground and Mountain Park. We will also conduct a countywide ESPLOST for the Board of Education.
- **City of Mountain Park Intergovernmental Agreement** – We would like to recommend that the BOER terminate the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Mountain Park after this election cycle. Currently, there are only 12 Cherokee County voters residing in Mountain Park. Out of the 12 Cherokee County voters, one voter voted by mail in 2017 and two voters voted at the elections office in 2018. The remaining 498 voters reside in Fulton County. This recommendation is based on the following:
 1. The Mountain Park Community Center Polling Location is difficult to staff because of the location.
 2. We are required to add extra ballot boxes during early voting specifically for Mountain Park, when the majority of Mountain Park voters vote on Election Day.
 3. The city is primarily in Fulton County. We have to share the community center with Fulton County on Election Day as they are there conducting a Fulton County election. It makes much more sense for the city to ask Fulton County to conduct their elections.