# Cherokee County Elections & Voter Registration

## Meeting of the Board.

02.07.2022

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

Others Present: Anne Brumbaugh, Anne Dover, Deborah Davis, Debra Garrbard, Rita Rohessen, Mary Spangler, Rosanna Thompson, Mike Canipe, William Peterson. Jessie Blankenship, Beth Mercure, Marcie Cos, Ann Embry, Chuck Capr, Robert Schurtz. Joanna Shurtz, Joan Houslay, Mike Mastowski, Ardith Zook, Jennifer Snyder, Troy Horton, Mary Sears, Ann Omara, Bill Burlee, Gena Houghton, Justin Burke, Larry LoSoon, Laura Eckardt, Peggy Gastright, Charissa Dickers, Moni KaFerro, Pam Reel, Tina Yearegui, Lydic Davidson, Judy Robinsons, Richard Jordan, Paul Fleyner, Renea Parks.

## Proceedings:

- Call to order
  - o Alan Shinall called the meeting to order 9:30 am
- Reading- General Conduct of Public Meetings
  - o Rachel Kinsey Secretary read General Conduct of Public Meetings
- Approval of Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
  - Alan Shinall made a motion to pass monthly board meeting agenda, Mike Byrd seconded. Passed 5-0
- Approval of Board Minutes from January 3rd, 2022
  - Cindy Castello made a motion to pass the January 3<sup>rd</sup> board minutes-Mike Byrd seconded. Passed 5-0.
- Unfinished Business- None
- New Business- Anne Dover gave her report. See attached.
- · Boards Response to Horton and Omara-
  - Investigation has been opened with the Secretary of State, turned over Horton's report to the Secretary of State. See attached letter in response.
- Public Comments-
  - Jessie Blakenship- Private meeting held with concerned citizens, wanted to view ballot box videos heard they have been recorded over. Wants to know how to obtain them.
    - Anne Braumbaugh responded telling her she needs to put in an open records request for them. We are required to keep videos for 30 days after election has been certified per the election code.

- o Beth Mercure- handed out a letter to the board regrading the compromises and affidavits that she has about the election integrity.
- o Robert Schurtz- Thanked the board for doing all that we have been doing. He has been a voter for over 50 years, we as a nation have been voting for over 240 years why now are there "issues" all over the country there hasn't been this problem that we "have" here.
- Troy Horton- appreciate us going after the Halderman report. Reconciliation is still not done in his opinion, especially since Hickory Flat shows election day voters at 981, and the poll pad shows 664 people voted in person on election day. Not all the precincts are off, the election should not have been certified. Wants an explanation about why the ballots are off, why they are modified. Results are incorrect and according to him the board and elections office have committed 52 felonies, and he has gone to the Marshall office.
- o Lauren Eckardt- Didn't know about the ballot video tapes being recorded over, she has more questions she wants answers to. Wants transparency and more people to come and attend the Board of Elections meetings.
- o Richard Jordan- We have a primary in May that is very important. Wants to know why the B.O.E has not updated the Election maps and correctly assigned the precincts.
  - Mike Byrd explained that the local lines have not been agreed upon or approved, so until they are we cannot do anything.
- Jennifer Snyder- Wants to know why 1st Baptist is no longer allowing us to hold elections there and wants to know how Anne Dover's trip went with the other election officials.

#### Executive Session-

- Alan Shinall made a motion to go into executive session, Mike Byrd seconded it. Passed 5-0.
- o Mike Byrd made a motion to come out of executive session, Cindy Castello seconded it. Passed 5-0.

## Adjournment-

- Mike Byrd made a motion for adjournment. Don Sams seconded it. Passed 5-0.
- Next meeting will be March 14th, 2022.

Rachel A. Kinsey, Secretary

Cherokee County Board of Elections