

Cherokee County Elections & Voter Registration

Meeting of the Board.

03.14.2022

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

Others Present: Anne Brumbaugh, Anne Dover, Katrina Singletary, Ann Embrez, Bill Phillyis, Kendra Geer, Rosanna Thompson, Nancy Blasingame, Peggy Gastright, Paul Flexner, Jeff Harper, Lisa Harper, Joan Hously, Monika Ferro, Megan Reece, Jennifer Snyder, Jessie Blankenship, Marc Nolan, Lydia, Lisa Jaqua, Glenda Fergusa, Ethan Johnson, Debra Garrard, Tina Yeargin, Beth, Ann O'Mara, Mike Mastowski, Richard Robinson, Monica Robinson, Pamela Eckhardt, Beth Mercure, Zarah Wilson, Cindy Schmitt, Larry, Jeff Snow, Barbara Kidder, Cliff Hobbs, Jordan Ridley, Mike Canipe

Proceedings:

- Meeting started off with a song from Jennifer
- Call to order
 - Alan Shinall called the meeting to order 9:34 am
- Reading- General Conduct of Public Meetings
 - 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, Rachel Kinsey seconded. Passed 5-0
- Approval of Board Minutes from February 3rd, 2022
 - Mike Byrd requested that his name be added to those board members in attendance for the February meeting.
 - Mike Byrd made a motion to pass the February 3rd, 2022, board minutes- Cindy Castello seconded. Passed 5-0.
- Unfinished Business- None
- New Business-
 - Alan Shinall called on Anne Brumbaugh, the attorney for the Board of Elections to make a statement. See attached.
 - Hand count paper ballots, we need to stick to the election code and rules.
 - Made comments about the 50 felonies the Board of Elections has committed.
 - Explained that while there was an open investigation into claims of election irregularities, the Board will not comment.
 - Explained that at no time will the Board of Elections send people door to door to canvass for election results. Impersonating a public official and intimidating voters are felonies.

- Explained GA's code of residency and gave examples.
- Director's Report
 - Anne Dover gave her report to the Board of Elections. See attached.
- Public Comments-
 - Debra Garrard
 - Gave handout to the board. Explained that 60% of GA citizens are concerned about local election integrity. Hand out showed data that she says shows the number of registered voters is two to three times what it should be. Questioned the census data versus voter data and wondered why the Secretary of State certified the election. See handout attached.
 - Tina Yeargin
 - Gave handout to the board. Questioned county's lack of authority over local elections. Wants to know why the following precincts are out of balance: Carmel, Hickory Flats, and Air Acres, See handout.
 - Beth Mercure-
 - Gave handout to board. Showed affidavits that have been submitted to the Secretary of State by citizens regarding voter irregularities. Wants to know why the voter numbers are different in precincts. States there are unintended accuracy or corruption in voting.
 - Ann O'Mara-
 - Gave handout to the board. Wanted explanations from board/employees as to why certain voters were made inactive before election, update on voter roles and those who are inactive and how roles are kept.
 - Mike Mastowski-
 - Gave handout to board. Are we absolutely satisfied with the elections? Our local authority has been taken away by the state. The voting machines are open to the internet attacks at anytime. Wants hand count of paper ballots after feeding them through the machine. Cannot verify the votes unless we count them by hand. Wants a response from the board in 10 days about what we are going to do going forward in leading the way.
 - Marc Nolan-
 - He was the one that did the 11 Alive series on the election. Wanted to know the following:
 - Why do we need new voting machines?
 - Why is salesforce in the mix?
 - Where did the funds come from to purchase salesforce?
 - Which is tied to Stacey Abrams
 - Why is the backlog on voter fraud still since 2016?
 - Why are the ballot boxes so large? Need smaller to prevent ballot harvesting.

- Executive Session-
 - Alan Shinall made a motion to go into executive session. Mike Byrd seconded. Passed 5-0.
 - Mike Byrd made a motion to come out of executive session. Cindy Castello seconded. Passed 5-0.
- Adjournment-
 - Mike Byrd made a motion for adjournment. Rachel Kinsey seconded it. Passed 5-0.
 - Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am
 - Next meeting will be April 4th, 2022.



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Board of Elections & Registration

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.

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Intergovernmental Agreements with Municipalities - Amended agreements have been emailed to each city clerk. The county will no longer charge municipalities when conducting an election in conjunction with a County, State, and/or Federal Election. Municipalities will be charged for any stand-alone elections.

Audit - We are currently planning to conduct an audit of the July General Primary Runoff. The tentative date is July 6. Preliminary plans are to use a random number generator to select 4 precincts and 1 race to audit.

Reimbursement for Postage - Redistricting Precinct Cards - House Appropriations Committee Chairman, Terry England announced that his committee has placed \$2.6 million in the amended FY 2022 budget for the Secretary of State's Office to create new precinct cards and to reimburse counties for their postage. We are very thankful these funds will go back into our "postage account".

Election Safety - We are committed to making each advance/early and Election Day polling location as safe as humanly possible. We are coordinating with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, Cherokee County Marshal's Office, Cherokee County Board of Education Police Department and the municipal police departments (Canton, Woodstock and Holly Springs) Law enforcement officials have drafted a detailed plan of action.

Poll Worker Code of Conduct - Attached is our new Code of Conduct & Requirements for Poll Workers. All poll workers shall read and sign this sheet. There have been some expressed concerns by our current managers regarding the possibility of having people added to their teams that might be there to cause problems or to share their agendas with fellow poll workers or voters. We want to make it abundantly clear that when serving as a poll worker, there will be none of this type behavior tolerated.

Open Records Requests - The number of open records requests for the month of February 2022, was 16.