

Cherokee County Elections & Voter Registration

Meeting of the Board.

5.2.2022

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

Others Present: Anne Brumbaugh, Anne Dover, Alan Prisock, Deborah Davis, Lisa Jaque, Jessie Blankenship, Morgan Blankenship, Beth Mercure, Carol Cantrell, David Oles, Chuck Café, Martin Castaldo, Paul Fletner, Richard Jordan, Mike Mastowski, Debra Garrard, Tina Yearsin, Amber Bashkin, Linda Parker, Helen Mitchell, C. Docuherly, C Kaminski, Ethan Johnson, Kaherine Muscara, Lauren Eckardt, Donna Presley, Jen Snyder, L Davidson, Elizabeth, Cindy Schmitt, Genia Roberson.

Proceedings:

- Call to order
 - Alan Shinall called the meeting to order 9:35 am
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Cindy Castello led the pledge
- Chairman's Remarks-
 - Alan Shinall read a statement regarding poll watching from open to close of the polls (see attached).
- Approval of Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
 - Rachel Kinsey made a motion to pass the agenda. Mike Byrd seconded motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- Approval of Board Minutes from April 4th, 2022.
 - Don Sams made a motion to pass the board minutes from April 4th, 2022. Mike Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- Reading- General Conduct of Public Meetings
 - Rachel Kinsey, Secretary
- Public Comments
 - #1 Jessie Blakenship- 11.3.2021 election was willful and unconstitutional due to the changing of the laws at the S.OS. Absentee ballots were opened 2 weeks prior to election day. I have personally sent in open records requests for the videos of the drop boxes. Footage is supposed to be kept for 30 days after election. Cited rule 183-1-14-6.14. Wants videos from Cherokee County, the application names, archiving methods, and camera type. Not happy with open records request.
 - #2 Beth Mercure -Anything that they have discovered or said hasn't been directed at this board. No cheating or lying by this board, this is not against us. Affidavits of voters: Voted during general election of 2020 and didn't show up until 1.2021. Discovery of # of votes didn't equal the

- number of people. Needs to be a transparent process, spoke to the legislators and they said it is up to the local boards. Kemp holds no authority in helping with this. Help us, we are looking for BOE votes.
- #3 David Oles - Thanked the board for our work and is grateful to take part in the process. Wants to know why there is a presence of law enforcement, states we are intimidating the crowd and wants the police to go away. Wants to know why we do not have procedures in place and doesn't care that we are offended. Wants us to stop being arbitrary about things and stop striking people who want to help off the lists.
 - #4 Paul Flexner- Has been observing us for over a year. Thinks we are above and beyond honest and transparent. Appalled that the last speaker spoke to us in that manner. Lack of trust is crazy, lack of trust in society is not okay, State and Local officials doing the best and in the best way they can do. We need to honor and respect that. Unfortunately, in 2022 people stopped trusting the systems.
 - #5 Richard Jordan-Thanked us for letting us say the pledge of alliance. Prayed for Gods help and intervention in the elections for honest, efficient elections. Requests the emergency use of paper ballots, or provision ballots. Submitted that request to the board. Document by We the People asks and outlines what they are looking for. Wants total alliance between the board and the people. Letter sent to all 159 counties, signed by 36 candidates.
 - #6 Mike Mastowski- Agreed with Cindy Castello and Alan Shinall. Wants to compliment Anne Dover on running a tight ship during training. Wants to know if we are okay with the breakdown that can happen since QR code cannot be read by anything but a machine? Wants to know what tests are being performed and if they are test prior?
 - #7- Linda Parker-Wanted to say how great it is that the board of R's and D's can work so well together and is listening to all the comments in the audience like we are and wants us to know that the attacks are wrong but agrees that the QR code is catching us up. She is concerned with the QR code.
 - #8 Lauren Eckerdt- Thanks everyone for attending and continuing to attend. Everyone needs to be polite to one another. The movie 2000 Mules is coming out about the drop boxes. Why do we not have video evidence of our drop boxes? It is wrong how we do not have the videos.
 - #9 Gina Roberson- Running for Board of Commissioners of Cherokee. Wanted to point out how many democratic votes have come into the county. We need to have grace with one another. High density developments are brought in too. There is upwards of 80,000 vote discrepancies in Cherokee. Voting machines need to go and we need to vote absentee and walk it in.
 - #10 Debora Davis- Vote absentee and walk it in. No one is loading the ballot boxes if we do it that way.
 - Executive Session-

- Alan Shinall made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session. Rachel Kinsey seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.
- Mike Byrd had to leave the meeting 10:40 am
- Rachel Kinsey made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Cindy Castello seconded. Passed 4-0.
- No votes were taken in Executive Session
- Attorney Report Ann Brumbaugh
 - Voting procedure changes
 - Mail in deadline has been shortened.
 - Drop boxes were passed due to the Covid, emergency procedure. Rule said drop boxes had to have video for only 30 days after election. Were kept for 30 days.
 - SB 202
 - Going forward with the drop boxes a human being has to watch the boxes, 1 drop box per 100,000 voters, you can only bring the ballots of you, the voter who lives with you if you are a relative or caregiver.
 - Provisional ballots can only be used after 5:00 until voting stopped.
- Police presence is needed due to the threats and crude behavior the board and elections office has experienced.
- Unfinished Business- None
- New Business- None
- Directors Report-
 - See Attached
 - Emergency rule for paper ballots is if the machines cannot be used at all. It costs 32 cents to print ballots, with over 200,00 voters in Cherokee it would cost at least \$192,000, there is no method to securely transport the ballots, or somewhere to store them.
 - No one came to the L& A testing that is open to the public so you all could see the process and ask questions.
 - Beth Mercure made a statement on why they would come and see since they do not trust the machines.
- Adjournment-
 - Alan Shinall made a motion for adjournment. Cindy Castello seconded it. Passed 5-0.
 - Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am
 - Next meeting will be July 11th, 2022.



Rachel A. Kinsey, Secretary

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