

Cherokee County Elections & Voter Registration

Meeting of the Board.

6.6.2022

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

Members Absent: Mike Byrd

Others Present: Anne Brumbaugh, Anne Dover, Rosanna Thompson, Marilee Coughlin, Deborah Davis, Beth Mercure, Debra Garrard, Joan Housley, Mike Mastowski, Lisa Jaqua, Bob Scardetti, Ann Embry, Lisa Happo, Dana Zajac, Paul Flexner, Lynne Saunders, Barbara Kidder, Susana Harrison, Jennifer Snyder, Jessie Blankenship, Rita Rohrsen, Linda Parker, Caral Roberts, Cheryl Cloud, Linda Kaminski Donna Presley, Chelle Brown, Jan Benefeld, Shirleen Maggio, Lee Davis, Cindy Schmitt, Debora Garrard, Mary Sears, Jody Robinson.

Proceedings:

- Call to order
 - Alan Shinall called the meeting to order 9:32 am.
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Alan Shinall led the pledge
- Chairman's Remarks-
 - Alan Shinall read a statement- see attached
- Directors Remarks
 - Anne Dover read her letter- see attached
- Approval of Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
 - Rachel Kinsey made a motion to pass the agenda. Don Sams seconded motion. Motion passed 4-0.
- Approval of Board Minutes from May 2nd, 2022, and May 27th, 2022.
 - Cindy Castello made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2nd, 2022. Rachel Kinsey seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
 - Rachel Kinsey made a motion to approve the minutes from May 27th, 2022. Cindy Castello seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- Reading- General Conduct of Public Meetings
 - Rachel Kinsey, Secretary
- Public Comments
 - #1 Rosanna Thompson- Thanked everyone at the election office for working the polls. Wants to know and understand why the same machines are being used. Why can't we have an audit done. If corporations can, why can't we? Why can't the board of commissioners fund the audit?
 - #2 Debra Garrard- Handed out letter to board. See attached. She shared her experience as a poll worker. All was going well until the scanner

- tapes with the vote totals at the end of the night populated. The results were too far off what I experienced. Didn't want us to certify the election. Wants a hand count done of election results. Wants to know why the board isn't doing more to protect our elections, and if we are not, we are part of the problem and coverup. We are not fulfilling our duty of office.
- #3 Marilee Coughlin – Was a poll worker for the primary election in 2020 and 2022 at RM Moore and Rose Creek and is impressed with the controls in place and think the election was fair and accurate.
 - #4 Deborah Davis- Handed out information to the board. See attached. Didn't want board to certify the election. Questions about absentee ballots counting on scanners. Candidate on ballot the address they put is not in the district for which they are running. Why are they allowed to run?
 - #5 Mike Mastowski- 26-year resident in county, coming to our meetings for almost a year, pleased with larger venue. We are not going away until the machines go away, want fair elections, and the QR code is not fair. Told that it was illegal to have the QR code.
 - #6 Mary Sears- Handed out letter to the board. See attached. Wanted us to know that we treated the people who came to the last meeting with disrespect, that Cherokee County has taken a turn for the worst over the past 5 years, like someone is infiltrating our county. Wants to know if we believe the machines are 100% accurate. Why can we not have a recount, a hand recount?
 - #7 Linda Parker- Thanked the board again for all the work we are doing and how well we work together. Election ran very well, and all seemed to work well together.
 - #8 Jody Robinson- Thanked Anne for her letter, still not enough to stop us from doing what we can. We need a hand recount, there is lack of transparency, and we are the guilty party on our end. Why do we not want a hand recount? Either we work for the people or against the people.
 - #9 Chelle Brown- QR codes not readable, hand recount of election is needed. Wants to know why the numbers they show for the election results are not what we show for the higher races? How do we prove who voted for whom?
 - #10 Lisa Jaqua- Handed out information to the board. See attached. Read auditors report for Haldermans report. Wants readable results, not QR code. How do we know the software is 100% secure and updated? Wants audit of 2022 election, wants proof that we update the software, wants us to know there is a lack of action on our end.
 - #11 Barbara Kidder – Wanted to thank the board for all we do and have done. Continues to be impressed with the boards and the staff.
 - Executive Session-
 - Cindy Castello made a motion to go into executive session. Don Sams seconded. Motion pass 4-0.

- Alan Shinall made a motion to come out of executive session. Rachel Kinsey seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- No votes were taken in Executive Session
- Attorney Report Ann Brumbaugh
 - No report this month.
 - Alan Shinall asked Ann about the findings from the audit/investigation and the AJC report on the findings.
 - AJC's language was a little lose when reporting. The overall report doesn't take into GA's voting laws specifically, i.e. our election laws are different than AL, or NM as to how we run the election and how votes are cast and counted.
- Unfinished Business- None
- New Business- None
- Directors Report-
 - See Attached
- Adjournment-
 - Alan Shinall made a motion for adjournment. Cindy Castello seconded it. Passed 4-0.
 - Meeting adjourned at 10:36 am
 - Next meeting will be August 1st, 2022.



Rachel A. Kinsey, Secretary

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