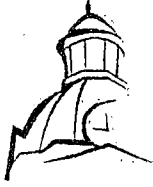


Coweta County Board of Elections and Registration



Public Hearing/Regular Session

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~Minutes~

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

10:00 AM

Board Room

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mae Reeves	District 5 - Chairman	Present	
Jane Scoggins	District 2 - Member	Present	
Wayne Farmer	District 3 - Member	Present	
Randy Wahoske	District 4 - Member	Present	
Natasha Werner	District 1 - Member	Absent	

The Board of Elections and Registration of Coweta County, Georgia met in Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session on Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Reeves called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

REGULAR SESSION

1. Chairman Reeves called for a motion regarding approval of the Agenda for this meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
SECONDER:	Wayne Farmer, District 3
AYES:	Reeves, Scoggins, Farmer, Wahoske

- 2. Request Adoption of Rules Governing Regularly Scheduled Meetings of the Coweta County Board of Elections and Registration

Attorney Michael Hill explained that each member had been given a copy of the rules.

No changes were proposed.

Chairman Reeves called for a motion regarding the proposed Rules.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Wayne Farmer, District 3
SECONDER:	Randy Wahoske, District 4
AYES:	Reeves, Scoggins, Farmer, Wahoske

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3. Minutes of Wednesday, March 08, 2023

The Board voted to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting Session and Public Hearing held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Wahoske, District 4
SECONDER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
AYES:	Reeves, Scoggins, Farmer, Wahoske

PUBLIC HEARING

- 4. Motion To: **Move into Public Hearing**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
SECONDER:	Wayne Farmer, District 3
AYES:	Reeves, Scoggins, Farmer, Wahoske

Chairman Reeves explained that this hearing is regarding the proposal to relocate the polling place for the Senoia Precinct from it's current location at the Senoia Senior Center, (300 Howard Road Senoia Georgia 30276) to the Leroy H Johnson Community Center located at 6652 East Highway 16, Senoia, Georgia 30276. This proposal is made in the best interest of the electors of Coweta to provide large voting space, adequate parking, and easy access. The Leroy H. Johnson Community Center will also meet all requirements for handicap accessibility.

The deadline for comment was April 11, 2023. The Elections Office received no comments and no objections to this proposed relocation.

Chairman Reeves called for comments in support of or in opposition to the proposed relocation. There were none.

Chairman Reeves called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.
The Board voted to close the Public Hearing.

RESULT:	PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Wahoske, District 4
SECONDER:	Wayne Farmer, District 3
AYES:	Reeves, Scoggins, Farmer, Wahoske

13679 Public Hearing Regarding a Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of Dyer Road - 2nd District

5. Motion: **To approve relocation of the Senoia Precinct**

Member Scoggins commented that she believed this will be a good move for the voters, that there was no choice to relocate this precinct and she made a motion that it be accepted.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
SECONDER:	Randy Wahoske, District 4
AYES:	Reeves, Scoggins, Farmer, Wahoske

Chairman Reeves asked the Elections Office to proceed. Member Farmer asked Director Gay about the expected date of the completion. Director Ashley Gay advised that she expects the community center to be ready by the November election, however if it is not, trailers will be available for voting on election day at the site of the new community center.

REGULAR SESSION

6. Request Acceptance of the Voter Registration Numbers.

Assistant Director Axiver Harris provided the monthly report from March 6, 2023, to April 7, 2023. 0 on the Felon Report; 0 on the Mentally Incompetent Report, 0 Moved Out of State; 47 Deceased; 2443 Voter Registration Applications processed; 5 registration records transferred; 0 Duplicates.

Motion: To accept Voter Registration Numbers

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Wahoske, District 4
SECONDER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
AYES:	Reeves, Scoggins, Farmer, Wahoske

7. Information Regarding Poll Manager Appreciation Lunch

Director Gay advised that the Elections Office is planning to host a Poll Worker Appreciation luncheon on May 18, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM to thank the poll managers for all their hard work. This will be held at the new facility, Coweta County at Shenandoah located at 87 Newnan Station Drive, Newnan GA 30265. They will also use this time to show the poll managers the new pick-up and drop-off areas and the new carts that will house the voting equipment and serve as voting booths. She invited the board members to attend if available.

Member Wahoske asked Director Gay if the County is still in need of more poll workers. She advised that the office expects to have enough for 2023, however they will be starting training for 2024. She also advised that if people are interested in applying to be Poll Workers, they can contact the Elections Office for an application.

No action required.

8. Update Regarding New Building.

Director Gay advised that the office has moved into the new building and staff is currently still unpacking. Member Farmer has been working with staff to mount the election equipment in the new carts. The UPS (power supply) still needs to be mounted as they are waiting on more screws, but the voting machines have been mounted. The State has been notified of the new address.

No action required.

9. Update on the Relocation of Advanced Voting Location from 22 E Broad Street Newnan, GA 30263 to 87 Newnan Station Drive, Newnan, GA 30265.

Director Gay advised that staff received no comments regarding the relocation of the Voter Registration Advanced voting site from 22 East Broad Street to 87 Newnan Station Drive. The new address has been updated on the website and required signage will be posted per law prior to the next Election. Member Farmer commented that he believes this was a good move because this will allow for more room and more parking. Director Gay added that this also allows for more voting machines.

No action required.

Member Scoggins asked about the status of the new community center being built in the Canongate Area. Director Gay advised it is still under construction and a better status will be provided in June. Member Wahoske asked if it will be ready for the election in November 2023. Director Gay advised most likely not, but Staff is hoping it will be ready for 2024.

10. Information Regarding Redistricting – City of Newnan

Director Gay advised that the City of Newnan has approved their redistricting lines. Staff will spend the next couple of months updating the system with the changes. Once completed, new precinct cards will be ordered and mailed out to the citizens of the City of Newnan. Staff wants to have this completed before municipal qualifying in August.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Chairman Reeves called for any public comments.

Attorney Michael Hill advised the following rules for Public Comment

- Based upon the Rules Governing Regular Meetings that were approved earlier by the Board, a maximum of ten (10) speakers shall be allowed to address the Board. Each speaker must sign-up to speak prior to the start of the meeting. Speakers will be called on a first come basis and be allowed up to three (3) minutes each. Each speaker must state his or her name and address for the record.
- Each speaker will be respectfully heard by the Board without public display or approval or disapproval from the audience. The Board will not engage with the speaker during or after his or her comments. The Board will listen to any questions or comments and take them into consideration.
- While a speaker is allowed to make any comment he or she wishes, questions or concerns regarding elections equipment should be addressed to the State, not this Board.

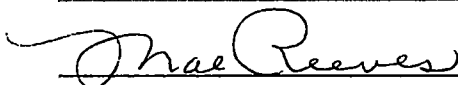
Mrs. Deborah Brady Barrington Overlook, Sharpsburg addressed the Board but advised her question was already answered. She expressed interest in serving as a Poll Worker, Director Gay advised staff would provide her with the Poll Worker Application. She asked Assistant Director Harris where the Voter Registration numbers came from. He advised from the VR System of the State of Georgia. She asked if the Minutes and Board of Election and Registration Governing rules would be posted on the County website. Attorney Michael Hill advised that they are still working on the website, but yes these would be available starting with the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

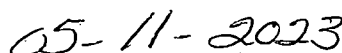
Motion To: **Adjourn**

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Wahoske, District 4
SECONDER:	Wayne Farmer, District 3
AYES:	Reeves, Scoggins, Farmer, Wahoske



 Signature



 Date