Coweta County Board of Elections and Registration



Public Hearing/Regular Session ~Minutes~

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Wednesday, May 10, 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 Regular Meeting Session on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Reeves called the meeting to order at 10:01 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Minutes of Wednesday, April 12, 2023

The Board voted to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting Session and Public Hearing held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Randy Wahoske, District 4

SECONDER: Wayne Farmer, District 3

AYES: Reeves, Scoggins, Farmer, Wahoske

REGULAR SESSION

3. Request Acceptance of the Voter Registration Numbers.

Assistant Director Axiver Harris provided the monthly report from April 10, 2023, to May 5, 2023. 3100 Voter Registration Applications processed; 43 registration records transferred, 9 Moved Out of County and 34 Moved Out of State;12 Duplicates merged; 0 on the Felon Report; 0 on the Mentally Incompetent Report; 37 Deceased cancelled.

Director Gay stated that the numbers reported for Voter Registration Applications processed does not always mean new voters. That number includes all applications, for example those submitted for a change of address or duplicate applications of voters already registered. All these submissions must be processed.

Motion: To accept Voter Registration Numbers

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jane Scoggins, District 2

SECONDER: Wayne Farmer, District 3

AYES: Reeves, Scoggins, Farmer, Wahoske

4. Reminder of Poll Manager Appreciation Lunch

Assistant Director Axiver Harris reminded the board that the Poll Manager Appreciation luncheon will be held on May 18,2023 at 11:00 AM to thank the poll managers for all of their hard work and to give them an opportunity to see the new voting booths that will be in use beginning in November.

Member Wahoske asked how many people are expected to attend. Director Gay responded that approximately 40 are expected to attend and clarified that the luncheon was specifically for poll managers and not all poll workers.

No action required.

5. Update on Relocation of Senoia Precinct from 300 Howard Rd Senoia, GA 30276 to 6652 East Highway 16 Senoia, GA 30276

Director Gay stated that the Board of Elections and Registration held a Public Hearing last month and approved the relocation of the Senoia Precinct. She stated that the City of Senoia had since gone through the same process, and their City Council has approved to also move the Municipal Precinct from 300 Howard Rd Senoia, GA 30276 to 6652 East Highway 16 Senoia, GA 30276. Now that both relocations have been approved, the Elections and Voter Registration Office will order new precinct cards. That action was not taken previously, because the Elections and Voter Registration Office did not want to confuse voters by sending two precinct cards.

Member Scoggins inquired if the new precinct location is within the city limits of Senoia. Director Gay confirmed that the new precinct location is within the city limits of Senoia.

Member Wahoske asked for a description of the new location. Director Gay said that it was on Highway 16 close to East Coweta Middle School. Member Scoggins said that it is at the Leroy Johnson Ballpark.

No action required.

6. 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Date Announced by Secretary of State

Director Gay stated that on May 4, 2023 the Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger announced that the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary date will be March 12, 2024.

Member Scoggins asked when Advanced Voting would begin for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary. Director Gay responded that she believed that Advanced voting would begin on February 19, 2024.

Member Wahoske asked if times and locations were known for Advanced Voting. Director Gay stated that once the election is closer, times would be set, and that, at this time, Advanced Voting for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary is still planned to be held at the two current Advanced Voting Locations, 87 Newman Station Drive Newman, Ga 30265 and 65 Literary Lane Newman, GA 30265.

Member Farmer asked how many voting machines were planned to be operational at the Advanced Voting location at 87 Newnan Station Drive Newnan, GA 30265. Director Gay reported that measurements are to be taken as to how many voting machines would fit in the voting room, and that the current plan is to have approximately 30-40 units in the room. Member Farmer commented that that number is more than triple what was previously used at the Elections and Voter Registration Office in previous elections. Director Gay confirmed his assessment and further stated that in the past, the Elections and Voter Registration Office has had nine machines for Advanced Voting.

Member Farmer asked if there would be anyone available to direct traffic at the new Elections & Voter Registration Advanced Voting location. Director Gay responded that there will be people assigned to line control both inside and outside to help direct voters. She stated that the plan is to have one of the poll workers to stand at the corner of the building to direct voters to the que at the side entrance.

No action required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Chairman Reeves called for any public comments.

Attorney Michael Hill asked if anyone signed up for Public Comment. There were none.

No action required.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Reeves adjourned meeting at 10:09 am.

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Date