



Coweta County Board of Elections and Registration 87 Newnan Station Drive
Regular Meeting Session

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Wednesday, July 10, 2024

10:00 AM

Board Room

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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	Present	

The Board of Elections and Registration of Coweta County, Georgia met in Regular Meeting Session on Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Reeves called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and reminded those in attendance that copies of the rules governing the meeting are on the table and to sign in on the sheet provided if they would like to speak during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

REGULAR SESSION

1. Agenda Amendment, June 24, 2024

Motion: To amend the agenda to add the Voter Challenge Received

Board voted to amend the agenda for this meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
SECONDER:	Randy Wahoske, District 4
AYES:	Reeves, Farmer, Werner, Scoggins, Wahoske Approved by a vote of 5-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Minutes of June 24, 2024

The Board voted to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting Session held on Wednesday, June 24, 2024.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Wahoske, District 4
SECONDER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
AYES:	Reeves, Farmer, Werner, Scoggins, Wahoske Approved by a vote of 5-0

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3. Request Acceptance of the Voter Registration Numbers.

Assistant Director Axiver Harris provided the monthly report for July 1, 2024, through July 5, 2024: 1794 Voter Registration Applications processed; 9 Transferred; 0 Duplicates; 0 Felons; 9 Moved Out of State; 0 Mentally Incompetent; 65 Deceased cancelled.

Motion: To accept Voter Registration Numbers

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Natasha Werner, District 1
SECONDER:	Randy Wahoske, District 4
AYES:	Reeves, Farmer, Werner, Scoggins, Wahoske Approved by a vote of 5-0

4. June 18, 2024, Risk Limiting Audit

Director Gay advised that on Thursday May 30, 2024, at 10:00 AM the office conducted the Risk Limiting Audit for the May 21, 2024, General Primary and Non-Partisan Election and the totals matched.

No action required.

5. Poll Manager Appreciation Luncheon

Director Gay advised that the 2nd Annual Poll Manager Appreciation will be July 19th.

No action required.

6. Early Voting Dates and Times for November 5, 2024

Director Gay explained that staff would update the website and phone system for Early Voting Dates and Times. Director Gay explained that the State of Georgia requires the office to be open for Early Voting Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM and 2 Saturdays. Member Farmer made the motion to keep the times the same.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Wayne Farmer, District 3
SECONDER:	Natasha Werner, District 1
AYES:	Reeves, Farmer, Werner, Scoggins, Wahoske Approved by a vote of 5-0

7. Special Election Senoia

Director Gay advised that the office has received notification from the City of Senoia that the Post 2 Council Member has resigned, and they need to have a Special Election to fill the seat. She stated that Senoia has already held qualifying, and the Election is to be held on November 5, 2024, she asked the Board to adopt the resolution and to give her the authority to call for the election.

Motion: Authority to Call for Election – Special Election-Senoia Councilmember Post 2

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
SECONDER:	Natasha Werner, District 1
AYES:	Reeves, Farmer, Werner, Scoggins, Wahoske Approved by a vote of 5-0

8. Other Business

Director Gay advised that the Voter Registration Office received another voter challenge from Shirley Jerman challenging 1,931 Electors. The Board is to consider such challenge and determine whether probable cause exist to sustain such challenge. According to her email and spreadsheet the reason for the challenge is that an NCOA was filed with the United States Postal Service.

Attorney Michael Hill advised that the law states, the board is to immediately determine if there is probable cause to sustain the challenge. If there is, then there are procedures to follow. If there is no probable cause found, then it is denied. He advised that the Federal Prohibition of Mass Challenges is not in place since there is not an Election within 90 Days. He stated the difference between the previous challenge and this challenge is the State Legislature had amended the law, that went in affect on July 1, 2024.

What this state is a National Change of Address is now not sufficient without additional evidence. It does specify 4 items that would be sufficient to find probable cause: Death; Registering to Vote in another Jurisdiction; Obtaining a Homestead Exception in Another Jurisdiction; or Registering a Non-Residential Address as confirmed by some Publicly Available Source.

Attorney Hill advised there is no information regarding a legitimate reason that someone could move out of state. (Military, contract worker, a student) and the challenge is based solely on NCOA.

Member Scoggins stated that she did not see why they should act any differently than they did last time. That the Board does not know the reason for NCOA. She made the motion to Deny Based on the lack of Probable Cause to Sustain the Challenge.

Motion: Probable Cause Does Not Exist to Sustain Such Challenge.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
SECONDER:	Natasha Werner, District 1
AYES:	Reeves, Wahoske, Farmer, Scoggins, Werner Approved by a vote of 5-0

Board voted to deny based on lack of Probable Cause.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda


Chairman Reeves called for any public comments.

No one had signed up to speak.

No action required.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Reeves adjourned meeting at 10:15 AM


Signature

08-14-2024
Date