



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

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Wednesday, September 11 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	Absent	
Natasha Werner	District 1 - Member	Absent	

The Board of Elections and Registration of Coweta County, Georgia met in Regular Meeting Session on Wednesday, September 11, 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, September 11, 2024.

Board voted to approve the agenda for this meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
SECONDER:	Wayne Farmer, District 3
AYES:	Reeves, Farmer, Scoggins Approved by a vote of 3-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Minutes of August 14, 2024

The Board voted to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting Session held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
SECONDER:	Wayne Farmer, District 3
AYES:	Reeves, Farmer, Scoggins Approved by a vote of 3-0

3. Minutes of September 3, 2024

The Board voted to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting Session held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
SECONDER:	Wayne Farmer, District 3
AYES:	Reeves, Farmer, Scoggins Approved by a vote of 3-0

REGULAR SESSION

4. Request Acceptance of the Voter Registration Numbers.

Assistant Director Axiver Harris provided the monthly report for August 12, 2024, through August 30, 2024: 2,838 Voter Registration Applications processed; 108 Transferred; 2 Duplicates; 49 Felons; 107 Moved Out of State; 0 Mentally Incompetent; 94 Deceased cancelled.

Motion: To accept Voter Registration Numbers

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Wayne Farmer, District 3
SECONDER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
AYES:	Reeves, Farmer, Scoggins Approved by a vote of 3-0

5. L & A Testing- November 5, 2024

Director Gay advised the Board that L&A Testing for the November 5, 2024, Election will begin on Tuesday September 24th at 10:00 AM at the Elections Office and will continue until complete. An advertisement has been placed in the Newnan-Times Herald to run on Saturday September 14, 2024, and it has been placed on the website.

No action required.

6. Voter Challenge

Director Gay advised that on Sunday September 8, 2024, Mr. Mike Nixon, Lawn Market Sharpsburg, submitted a Voter Challenge under OCGA 21-2-230. He submitted three separate challenges. The first is a list of 24 duplicate records. The second list of voters he stated in his email have filed as NCOA and have registered as a voter in North Carolina, per his email a total of 165 names. However, Director Gay advised the list contained 163 names. The third list of voters he stated per his email have filed as NCOA and have registered as a voter in Florida, per his email a total of 621. However, Director Gay advised that the list contained 620 names.

Director Gay advised the State of Georgia issues a duplicate report each month which is processed each month which is processed by the staff. She advised three voters were not processed because they are believed to be twins, as they have different Driver's License Numbers and different Social Security Numbers. Two sets of those listed had different first and middle names and one set had different middle names only. All three sets had different Social Security Numbers and Drivers License Numbers. Two other sets on the list are currently under review.

Member Scoggins asked if a hearing is needed. Attorney Michael Hill advised that it is still outside of the 45-day window and if the Board was to find probable cause, then yes, a hearing could be scheduled. The courts have said that Probable Cause is still an evidentiary question, the concern is that if there is no supporting documentation, then there is no evidence to make the Probable Cause determination. This challenge was submitted by email, with no supporting documentation. He advised that today they need to determine in any of the three categories constitutes Probable Cause under the OCGA 21-2-230 Challenge. When they come to vote, they would be pulled aside, and a hearing could happen the day of the election. If they do not vote, or there is not a reason to remove them from the voter rolls, then a hearing would not be needed. A duplicate record is not a reason to remove someone from the voter rolls, it is a reason to merge the records.

Motion: Probable Cause Does Not Exist to Sustain All Three Challenges

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jane Scoggins, District 2
SECONDER:	Wayne Farmer, District 3
AYES:	Reeves, Farmer, Scoggins Approved by a vote of 3-0

Board voted to deny based on lack of Probable Cause.

7. Other Business

Director Gay provided an update on the Challenge under OCGA 21-2-229. Notices which were mailed on Monday September 10, 2024. Voters who showed as deceased or who were no longer registered in Coweta County were not sent a letter. She advised these voters will still be part of the agenda at the hearings. She advised that any responses the office receives will be documented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Chairman Reeves called for any public comments.

No one had signed up to speak.

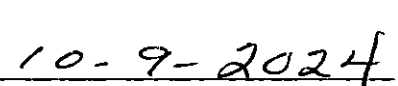
No action required.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Reeves adjourned meeting at 10:19 AM



Signature



Date