



GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Meeting, October 8, 2019

The October meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration was called to order by Chairman Gibson at 10 a.m.

Present were Patricia Gibson, Chairman; Sandy Dean, Vice Chairman; Keith Rustin, Secretary; Patricia Featherstone, Member; Christopher Channell, Supervisor; Christina Redden, Assistant Supervisor; Taylor Cooper, The Brunswick News; Pam Shierling, The Islander; Audrey Gibbons; Elizabeth Wurz; Jan Yoder; and Jeff Kilgore

Public Comment

The public did not offer comment.

Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes were approved as printed.

Old Business

Update on the New Voting Machines

One demonstration set has arrived and will be presented at the close of the meeting. 235 Ballot marking devices (BMD) will be delivered which is comparable to the current inventory of old machines. All BMDs will be sent to polling locations for the first election cycle. Machine allocation will be re-evaluated once voters are accustomed to the changes. Extra ballot scanners will be available after early voting.

The State is finalizing rules and procedures for the new machines. These will require SEB approval. Glynn County can expect training in mid-November. There will be a Dominion Voting technician dedicated to the county for the 2020 election cycle.

Polling Locations Update

Golden Isles Presbyterian is set to replace Oglethorpe Point. Use of the community buildings for early voting and election day will be decided at the October 29 County Finance Committee meeting. This has the support of both the Board and Public Works. These changes should be finalized for a Board vote at the next meeting.

Staff are conducting site tours to draft polling layout, determine power supply, and establish a table count. Glynn County's ADA representative is also participating. Ms. Gibson requested the poll managers be involved with these tours whenever possible. Mr. Rustin requested a cost estimate for items needed after the site evaluations are complete.

New Business

Office Report

The scanning project is 59% complete. The new scanning clerk started October 3. It was decided new registration cards will be scanned and kept in storage with old cards until the Board has confidence in the electronic document storage. Approximately 18 fiscal weeks remain in the



project. The scanning project was under budget in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. A project accounting will be expected upon completion.

Mr. Channell presented the new budgeting and payroll reports. The Board reviewed these reports and determined they provide the needed information. The 2019-2020 Glynn County budget remains unavailable online.

The current office storage capacity will need to be reviewed. The new machines are anticipated to have greater space requirements. Ballots must be stored for a minimum of 2 years which will increase office, Court, or offsite storage needs.

Board Member Comments

Ms. Featherstone inquired about plans to observe Lowndes County as part of the Dominion pilot program. Board members will likely travel to there later in October. Ms. Featherstone also requested the creation of a 3-month calendar update for each meeting.

Ms. Featherstone inquired about the voter education campaign. Mr. Channell explained there is no new information from the State regarding what will be received and when it will be available. A list of county needs will be compiled before the next meeting to ensure the Board remains proactive about public education. Ms. Gibson wants to ensure there are multiple public demonstrations scheduled throughout the county in addition to civic group meetings.

Executive Session

There was no motion for an Executive Session.

Adjournment

Ms. Dean made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Rustin seconded. The motion was approved 4-0.

Patricia Gibson, Chairman

Keith Rustin, Secretary