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## GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Work Session, Tuesday June 8, 2021

The work session was called to order by Chairman Featherstone at 12:32 p.m.

Present were Patricia Featherstone, Chairman; Keith Rustin, Vice-Chairman; Patricia Gibson, Secretary; Sandy Dean, Member; Tommy Clark, Member; Christopher Channell, Supervisor; Christina Redden, Assistant Supervisor; Gordon Jackson, *The Brunswick News*, and Ward Schaumberg.

### ***Discussion of Office Space Floor Plan***

Mr. Channell stated proposed floorplans for the former CVS building have been presented to the Deputy Director of the Elections Division at the Secretary of State's office, Blake Evans. Mr. Evans had no significant feedback and expressed approval for the latest design. The current design will be adjusted by an architect to accommodate the precise building schematics before presentation to the County.

SB202 has increased the need for additional space. Previously, the code allowed the Board to consider early voting numbers when determining machine allocation for elections. New changes require a ratio of 250 voters to 1 machine for a general election and remove the ability to count early voting allocation/turnout and expected turnout. Based on the law, the county must purchase 25 new voting systems before the 2022 General Election, including Ballot Marking Devices, printers, scanners, power supplies, and Poll Pads. If population growth continues, inventory may need to increase yearly.

Mr. Channell emphasized the current design will still provide adequate space for at least 20 years or more. Mr. Channell stated the County is aware of the change and had indicated the problem is a priority. There had been inquiry about sharing the new space, but storage and security needs must be the first considerations. Ms. Featherstone inquired about estimates and Mr. Channell stated the final estimate is not ready yet. Further quotes are needed on fire suppression, security, video, and furniture. Ms. Gibson stated the Board always strives to be a good steward of tax dollars, but the new regulations and inability to expand at the Office Park building has created a situation with limited solutions. Relocating to the CVS building meets current and future needs.

The Board examined the floorplan and made recommendations for further ways to accommodate growth beyond 20-25 years. Ms. Gibson stated it is also a priority to highlight how the public spaces can also be used countywide. Ms. Featherstone inquired if there is a project point person for questions and comments, Mr. Channell stated the county does have a manager for this project. At this time, The Board will wait for the estimate and presentation to the County Commissioners.

### ***Board Member Comments***

There were no Board Member comments.

### ***Adjournment***

Mr. Clark made the motion to adjourn the work session, Ms. Dean seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.

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Patricia Featherstone, Chairman

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Patricia Gibson, Secretary