

**SPALDING COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
February 13, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 825 Memorial Drive**

Minutes

The meeting of the Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration (BOER) convened at the Elections and Voter Registration Office, 825 Memorial Drive, Griffin, GA at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

In attendance: Chairman Betty Bryant, Secretary Margaret Bentley, Board Member Ballard Brooks, Board Member Glenda Henley, Board Member Randall Gooden and Elections Assistant Carla Rapp.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bryant

Public Comments – Ms. Jewel Walker-Harps expressed concern from her organization regarding the treatment of workers and voters by the former staff. She stated that the real victims here were the voters. She felt that the staff should have been fired instead of allowing them to quit.

January 9th regular meeting was reviewed

Motion to approve minutes: Board Member Glenda Henley
Second: Board Member Ballard Brooks
Minutes approved 3-1, 1 Abstention (*Minutes approved*).

January 30th called meeting was reviewed

Motion to approve minutes: Board Member Glenda Henley with the correction regarding a statement made by Chairman Betty Bryant.
Second: Board Member Ballard Brooks
Minutes approved 3-1, 1 Abstention (*Minutes approved*).

Old Business:

Election of next Vice Chairman

Board Member Glenda Henley nominated Secretary Margaret Bentley as Vice Chairman of the Board. Secretary Bentley accepted the nomination.
Second: Board Member Ballard Brooks
Motion Passed: 5-0

Since the now Secretary Margaret Bentley is Vice Chairman, this leaves the Secretary seat open.

Board Member Ballard Brooks nominated Board Member Glenda Henley for Secretary, she declined. Board Member Henley nominated Board Member Randall Gooden for Secretary. He initially declined and after some discussion, accepted the nomination.
Second: Board Member Ballard Brooks
Motion Passed: 5-0

Supervision of the Election Supervisor

Chairman Bryant made a motion to maintain the board supervision of the Elections Supervisor
Second: Board Member Glenda Henley

Discussion: Board Member Randall Gooden stated that the decision should come with conditions. County Manager is in the best position for day to day operations such as finances, budgeting, etc. The conducting of Elections and Voter Registration should be overseen by the Board of Elections. The County Manager is governed by the County Commissioners. To avoid conflict, it should be stated more clearly the role of the Elections Board and County Manager. They need to work together. Board Member Henley stated that is the way it is now. The supervision needs to stay the same; the Board needs to have the right to make comments. The County Manager cannot make decisions without the Board's consent.

Motion Passed: 3-1, 1 Abstention

Board Member Randall Gooden stated that the legislation needs to be clearer and the Board of Elections needs to have input on discipline. Chairman Bryant noted that this needs to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Vice Chairman Bentley stated that per parliamentary procedures a discussion cannot occur after a vote had been made. However, as stated, this can be placed on the agenda for the next meeting where we can discuss possible changes to our by-laws.

New Business:

L & A for March 20, 2018 Special Election

Logic and Accuracy testing is set for February 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Sign up for breaks for Early Voting February 26th- March 16, 2018 and March 20th Election Day

Chairman Bryant passed around signup sheets for the board members.

Legislative Update

None

Reports

Board Members – Vice Chairman Margaret Bentley informed the Board that Supervisor Marcia Ridley was 1 of 25 Supervisors out of 159 chosen to be on a committee to review the new voting machines. She is at the Capitol today.

Elections Supervisor: None

Announcements:

Next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, 2018, since early voting will be going on at the time of the March meeting.

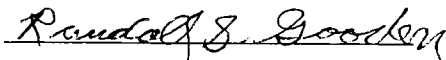
Meeting adjourned

Motion to adjourn: Vice Chairman, Margaret Bentley

Second: Board Member Glenda Henley

Motion passed: 5-0

Minutes taken by Elections Assistant, Carla L. Rapp

Minutes approved by: 

Randall S. Gooden - Secretary