

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

December 30, 2019
Special Called Meeting
825 Memorial Drive
10:00 a.m.

Minutes

The Special Called meeting of the Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration convened at the Elections Office, 825 Memorial Drive, Griffin, GA at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 30, 2019.

In attendance: Chairman Margaret Bentley, Vice-Chairman Betty Bryant, Secretary Glenda Henley, Board Member Randall Gooden, and Board Member Vera McIntosh.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Margaret Bentley. This meeting is to discuss the move of Early Voting location from the Elections Office to the Griffin-Spalding County Athletic Hall of Fame, as well as a new hire.

Public Comments – None

New Business

Chairman Bentley stated that after receiving samples of all the new voting equipment (especially one piece that was the size of a washing machine), it was noted that the Elections office was not large enough to store the equipment and conduct Early Voting. Supervisor Marcia Ridley contacted William Wilson to let him know that the equipment would not fit because of the size of the machines. Wilson met with Ridley and it was decided that the Griffin-Spalding County Athletic Hall of Fame would be a viable option to move the Early voting location.

Chairman Bentley asked Supervisor Ridley what notifications were needed. Ridley stated 60 days out. She said that she would be putting it in the Griffin Daily News January 10 and January 17, 2020. And the public has 21 days to respond which is February 10, 2020. She stated that she would be sending it today. She has also spoken to the state on how to notify 44,000 voters because we didn't budget for this particular site to be moved. They will let us know how to notify everyone because we don't need to send everyone a precinct card. We might do a letter but don't know how much that will cost. But we have to notify them. Ridley stated that it would be in the paper, and we will notify churches and anywhere else we can advertise it. The law says we have to put it in 3 different places. The 3 places need to be within the proximity of the precinct, so the library, gas station and Senior Center, as well as this office and the Griffin-Spalding County Athletic Hall of Fame. This will be a permanent change. Chairman Bentley stated that the Hall of Fame is set up with a lot of portable displays that can be moved around to accommodate the machines. Supervisor Ridley stated that there will be some modifications made to plugs to adapt to the machines. Board member Randall Gooden noted that even if someone does not see the notification the new location is nearby. Bentley noted that there is a handicapped accessible space close by. Chairman Bentley asked for a motion.

Secretary Glenda Henley made the motion to change the Early Voting location to the Griffin-Spalding County Athletic Hall of Fame. Seconded by Board Member Randall Gooden
Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Bentley stated that the next thing to discuss is the new hire and we need to go into Executive Session. Board member Randall Gooden made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the new hire. Seconded by Secretary Henley. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session started at 10:11 a.m.

Executive Session ended at 10:20 a.m.

Special Called meeting resumed at 10:21 a.m.

Chairman Bentley asked for a motion to vote on the new hire. Board member Randall Gooden made the motion to hire Dwana Dennis as the new Part-time Registration and Elections Clerk. Seconded by Board member Vera McIntosh. Motion carried 5-0.

Announcements

Next Regular Board Meeting is January 14, 2020.

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn the special called meeting by Vice-President Betty Bryant, seconded by Board Member Vera McIntosh. Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Minutes taken Elections Assistant Carla L. Rapp

Minutes approved by 
Glenda Henley – Secretary