

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

May 27, 2020

Special Called Meeting

Spalding County Annex Building

119 Solomon St. Room 108

10:00 a.m.

Minutes

The Special Called meeting of the Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration convened at the Spalding County Annex Building, 119 Solomon St Room 108, Griffin, GA at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2020.

In attendance: Chairman Margaret Bentley, Vice-Chairman Randall Gooden, Secretary Glenda Henley, Board Member Betty Bryant and Board Member Vera McIntosh. Also, in attendance was Supervisor Marcia Ridley.

Chairman Margaret Bentley called the Special Called Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Bentley states there are several issues that need to be discussed since the last meeting. She noted that the second week of early voting was suspended in March. Advance or early voting resumed May 18th and continues until June 5, 2020. Early voting is located inside of the Sports Hall of Fame, 841 Memorial Drive.

Bentley stated that the office is observing all social distancing protocols. PPE equipment and hand sanitizers are available. Sneeze guards are in place at the advance precinct. We are receiving about 100 voters in person per day, in past years we would average 200 in person voters per day. The Primary is June 9, 2020.

Due to the Shelter in Place as per Governor Kemp the Secretary of State authorized an outside vendor to send absentee ballots to all active voters. Over forty thousand ballots were mailed for Spalding. Ballots are processed locally. The response volume has created an unexpected workload. A drop box is located at the front of the Elections office for your paper ballot. Currently the office is closed to foot traffic until a PPE Sneeze guard is in place.

Spalding will start opening absentee ballots at 8 a.m. on June 8, 2020 to begin the count.

The Secretary of State will provide stylus' for voting in the precincts for extra safety concerns. Supervisor Ridley applied for a grant to reimburse the county for PPE equipment used for in-person voting. PPE is mandatory for the staff. There will be a judge on call, which is standard.

Move to adjourn, Vice-Chairman Randall Gooden; seconded by Board Member Betty Bryant, so moved.

Adjourned 10:41a.m.

Minutes taken by Secretary Glenda Henley and written by Elections Assistant Carla L. Rapp

Minutes approved by 
Glenda Henley – Secretary