

# SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

September 08, 2020

Monthly Meeting

825 Memorial Drive

10:00 a.m.

## Minutes

The meeting of the Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration convened at the Elections and Voter Registration Office, 825 Memorial Drive, Griffin, GA at 10:05 a.m. on Tuesday, September 08, 2020.

*In attendance: Chairman Margaret Bentley, Vice-Chairman Randall Gooden. Secretary Glenda Henley, , Board Member Vera McIntosh, Elections Supervisor Marcia Ridley, and Voter Registration Clerk, Dwana Dennis.*

**Meeting called to order by Chair Margaret Bentley**

**Public Comments** – None

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

Chair Bentley asked if there were any changes in the agenda. Vice-chairman Randall Gooden moved to accept the agenda as written, seconded by Board Member Vera McIntosh. Motion passed 4-0.

### **Review minutes from August Regular Meeting**

Chair Margaret Bentley asked if there were any corrections or additions to the August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. There weren't any corrections or additions. Board Member Vera McIntosh moved that the minutes be approved as written. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Randall Gooden. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Old Business:**

#### Cells for Poll Managers

Supervisor Marcia Ridley stated that she would only be allowed to order 2 cell phones at a time from the provider at \$30.00 per phone. Ridley mentioned that Ms. Elder offered to pay for the cell phones through a grant. Chair Bentley asked Ms. Elder who was providing the grant. Ms. Elder stated that the grant would be coming from the Georgia Democratic Party Committee. Chair Bentley stated the Board could not accept their offer because it is a partisan group. Ridley replied that she will continue to do research relating to the cell phones. Vice Chairman Randall Gooden asked if there was a possibility to add an extra stipend to the poll managers pay. Ridley noted she will consider adding \$25 to the poll manager's pay. Supervisor Ridley stated that she will ask the Secretary of State if there is additional grant money available to purchase cell phones for the Poll Managers to use on election day. It was noted that using the stipend for the poll managers to buy their own phone was a good idea.

### **New Business:**

#### Statistical Report

Supervisor Ridley handed out the statistical report. As of September 08, 2020, we have a total of 48,203 voters; 44,152 active voters and 4,051 inactive voters. Stating there has been an increase in the number of voters from last month.

### **Legislative Update**

Supervisor Ridley stated that there were no new updates.

### **Reports**

#### Board Members

Vice-Chairman Randall Gooden noted a discussion he had with Vera McIntosh, regarding a meeting County Manager and HR Director about the process for setting the Election Supervisors salary. Supervisor Ridley addressed Chairman Bentley stating that the topic Vice -Chairman Randall Gooden was speaking on was an executive meeting topic, not for the general meeting; Vera McIntosh agreed.

Elections Supervisor

Supervisor Ridley reported she received \$9,203.00 from the Cares Act Grant. It was used to purchase PPE and other supplies for the polls. She reported that the State sent out PPE last week after she had spent approximately \$200. She also noted that roughly \$14,936.00 was spent on election equipment and security upgrades. Ridley further noted that the office has over 3,000 absentee rollover applicants, approximately 3,600 additional absentee ballot applications and over 220 came from the new online portal created by the Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger. Supervisor Ridley stated we are in election mode and temps has been hired to assist with the November 3, 2020 General and Special Election.

National Voter registration day is September 22, 2020; we have several drives scheduled. Early voting begins October 12, 2020 through October 30, 2020; Saturday and Sunday voting is October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Also, Ridley stated the investigation in reference to the ballot drop box resulted in a letter of instruction. This was a recommendation from the investigating officer. The previous open records request has been rescinded.

**Announcements**

There were no more announcements. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2020.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Chair Bentley asked for a motion to go into **Executive Session**.  
Board Member Vera McIntosh moved that they go into Executive Session  
Secretary Henley seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 4-0

**Executive Session** convened at 10:51 am.

**Executive Session** adjourned at 11:10 am.


**Motion** made to return to regular meeting by Board Member Vera McIntosh at 11:10 am

Seconded by Secretary Glenda Henley

**Motion** made to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:12 am

Seconded by Vera McIntosh

Minutes approved by \_\_\_\_\_

  
Glenda Henley – Secretary