

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
March 9, 2021 Monthly Meeting 835 Memorial Drive, 10:00 a.m.
Minutes

The meeting of the Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration convened at the UGA Extension Office, 835 Memorial Drive, Griffin, GA at 10:05 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

In attendance: Chairman Vera McIntosh, Vice-Chairman Betty Bryant, Secretary Glenda Henley, Board Member Margaret Bentley, Board Member Roy McClain, Elections Assistant Carla Rapp, and Attorney Stephanie Windham.

Meeting called to order by Chair Vera McIntosh

Public Comments – Chairman Vera McIntosh read the statement regarding Citizen Comments as noted below:

Speakers must sign up prior to the meeting and provide their names, addresses and the topic they wish to discuss. Speakers must direct your remarks to the Board and not to individual Board Members or to the audience. Personal disagreements with individual Board or County employees are not a matter of public concern and personal attacks will not be tolerated. The Chair has the right to limit your comments in the interest of disposing of the Board's business in an efficient and respectable manner. Speakers will be allotted three minutes to speak on their chosen topics as they relate to matters pertinent to the jurisdiction of the Board of Elections. No questions will be asked by any of the Board during citizen comments. Outbursts from the audience will not be tolerated. Common courtesy and civility are always expected during the meeting. No speaker will be permitted to speak more than three minutes or more than once unless the Board votes to suspend this rule.

Following these guidelines, the following person(s) signed up and spoke:

Bill Landrum -Prayer/Pledge/Attorney/Phone call.

Adoption of the Agenda: Chair Vera McIntosh asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. **Vice-Chair Betty Bryant moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Board Member Margaret Bentley.**

Motion carried 5-0.

Review minutes from February 15, 2021 Regular Meeting

Chairman McIntosh asked if there were any corrections or additions to the February 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Vice-Chair Betty Bryant noted that a correction should be made regarding the vote to approve the agenda. Vote should read 3-2. Board Member Roy McClain noted the misspelling of his name in the 2nd sentence. He also asked all references concerning himself made by Chair McIntosh be removed. Chair McIntosh agreed. McClain asked were the minutes from the past meetings sent to the attorney. Attorney Stephanie Windham stated that the minutes were posted on the website. Chair McIntosh asked for a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. **Board Member Margaret Bentley moved to accept the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Secretary Glenda Henley. Motion carried 5-0.**

Old Business:

Ad-Hoc Committee – Chair Vera McIntosh noted that the committee was formed to locate a larger space for the Elections Office as well as a meeting space for the board. It consisted of a board member of the board, a citizen of Spalding county as well as a representative from the Sheriff's Office. As of this meeting we have not heard from the Sheriff's Office. She asked the board did they want to continue with the current committee. **Board member Margaret Bentley moved that**

we contact the Sheriff's Office again and if we do not hear back with a representative, then we will continue with the present committee. Seconded by Board Member Roy McClain. Motion carried 5-0.

Chair McIntosh stated that we are still looking into Zoom meetings.

New Business:

Date of the Retreat – Board agreed to table this until the next meeting.

Legislative Update:

Elections Assistant Carla Rapp spoke on Supervisor Ridley's behalf and noted that there was not anything new at this time. Nothing has formally passed in the Legislature.

Reports:

Board Members

Board Member Roy McClain stated that he had a number of issues regarding the budget, Minutes of November 10, 2020, hiring of the attorney, HR regulations and compensation for Supervisor Ridley.

Announcements:

Next regular meeting – April 13, 2021

Audience member Bill Landrum stated that his questions were not answered. Attorney Windham stated that you cannot ask questions of the board. Only comments are allowed.

Chairman McIntosh asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. **Board Member Margaret Bentley moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Glenda Henley. Motion carried 5-0.**

Executive Session convened at 10:50 am

Board Member Margaret Bentley moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Seconded by Secretary Glenda Henley. Motion carried 4-0

Executive Session adjourned at 11:50 am

Chair Vera McIntosh stated that the board would need to vote on the issue of hiring an attorney. **Board Member Margaret Bentley moved that the board would work with the county attorney in assisting with an RFQ (Request for Quote) citing content specific. Seconded by Board Member Roy McClain. Motion carried 4-0.**

Chair McIntosh asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Board member Margaret Bentley moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Secretary Glenda Henley. Motion carried 4-0**

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Minutes approved by _____
Glenda Henley – Secretary

