

Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration
Minutes
Special Called Meeting
November 8, 2021

The Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration held a Special Called Meeting at 825 Memorial Drive at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2021. Present were Chairman Ben Johnson, presiding, Jim O'Brien, and Roy McClain. Absent were James Newland and Alfred Jester. Also present were Attorney Stephanie Windham, Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter, and Teresa Watson to record minutes.

- I. Call to OrderChairman Ben Johnson
- II. Invocation Jim O'Brien
- III. Pledge to the Flag
- IV. Citizen Comments None

V. Adoption of the Agenda
A request was made by Attorney Windham to add the following verbiage to Item VI of the agenda: and adoption of the appropriate Resolution. ***Motion/second by Mr. O'Brien and Mr. McClain to so add carried 3-0.***

Motion/second to adopt the agenda as amended by Mr. McClain/Mr. O'Brien carried 3-0.

- VI. Certification of November 2, 2021, General Municipal Election, and adoption of the appropriate Resolution.

Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter reported that the November 2, 2021, General Municipal Election went smoothly for the most part. There were a very few hiccups which will be valuable lessons for the future. All the preparation was money well spent, and the optics of this group's efforts at transparency were beneficial. There were fourteen spoiled ballots due to printer jams, four rejects, and provisional ballots by contest. The listing results are shown by type vote for the municipal districts up for reelection (Districts 1, 3, 5 and 6), as well as for the TSPLOST. Once certified, there will be signatures required for completion of the certification. Turnout was light for this election at 9.28% versus 12.7% in 2017.

Motion/second by Mr. McClain/Mr. O'Brien to certify the November 2, 2021, results as read by Elections Superintendent Kim Slaughter for municipal districts: District 1 – Cynthia Reid Ward over Bill Lemons 153 to 52; District 3 – Holly Murray over Amanda Sprayberry-Creswell 582 to 128; District 3 – Truman Tinsley over Zachery Fuller 154 votes to 133; District 6 – Rodney McCord at 115 votes in an unopposed contest. Additionally, TSPLOST carried by a vote of 2386 for and 1900 against.

Motion/second to certify TSPLOST results by Mr. McClain/Mr. O'Brien carried 3-0.

Members present attested with their signatures on forms that will be submitted by Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m. on motion/second by Mr. McClain/Mr. O'Brien.

Ben Johnson, Chairman

Teresa A. Watson, Recording Secretary