

# **Spalding County Board of Elections and Registration Regular Meeting**

March 8, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Spalding County Courthouse Annex

Meeting Room 108

Griffin, Georgia 30223

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## **AFTER AGENDA**

The Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, beginning at 6:12 p.m. with Vice-Chairman James Newland presiding and Board members Roy McClain, Jim O'Brien, and Alfred Jester present. Also present were Elections Supervisor Kimberly Slaughter, Attorney Stephanie Windham, Spalding County Human Resources Director Miles Neville, and Teresa Watson to record the minutes.

**I. CALL TO ORDER** by Vice-Chairman James Newland at 6:12 pm.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

**II. INVOCATION**

Board Member Jim O'Brien provided the invocation.

**III. PLEDGE:**

Board Member Roy McClain led the pledge to the flag.

**IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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 Members or employees are not a matter of public concern and personal attacks will not be tolerated. The Chairman 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 and Voter Registration. No questions will be asked by any of the board members during citizen comments. Outbursts from the audience will not be tolerated. Common courtesy and civility are expected at all times 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.

**Ron Hoffman** – Spoke about Election Integrity (Provided Board Members with a report)

**Summer Clackum** – Spoke about Sunday Voting (Provided County Attorney with contact information.)

**Carmen Torres** – Spoke about Sunday Voting

**Dr. Yoshunda Jones** – Spoke about Sunday Voting and "Bloody Sunday"

**Zachary Fuller** – Spoke about Sunday Voting

## **V. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion/second to adopt the agenda by Mr. Jester/Mr. McClain carried 4-0.**

## **VI. Minutes**

Consider approval of Minutes for the Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration's regular meeting on January 11, 2022.

**Motion/second to approve by Mr. O'Brien/Mr. Jester carried 4-0.**

Consider approval of Minutes for the Spalding County Board of Elections and Registration's Special called meeting on February 8, 2002.

Amendment requested by Board Member Jim O'Brien to add language regarding discussion and tabling of Sunday Voting.

**Motion/second to approve as amended by Mr. McClain/Mr. Jester carried 4-0.**

## **VII. Old Business**

1. Update from Ad Hoc Committee regarding facilities and security:

Mr. McClain gave an update on storage options and inventory process and timing.

2. Sunday Voting for May 24, 2022 General Primary and Special Election.

Mr. O'Brien provided information he had gathered regarding voter turnout and cost for Sunday voting. Mrs. Slaughter provided additional information. Mr. McClain felt more information was still needed and made a motion to table this item which was seconded by Mr. Newland. The vote to table was 2-2 therefore no action was taken.

## **VIII. New Business**

1. Presentation by Virginia Galloway with Sonline regarding BallotDA (Digital Assistant), which is a Georgia Company that offers digitizing of ballots and records and online poll worker training and assessments.

2. Memorandum of Agreement between the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Elections Superintendent of Spalding County.

Mrs. Windham advised the Board that she had reviewed the agreement and made minor revisions and recommended approval.

**Motion/Second to approve by Mr. McClain/Mr. O'Brien carried 4-0.**

**IX. Report of Elections Supervisor**

Mrs. Slaughter's made her report. Her written report will be added into the minutes.

**\*\*\* AT THIS TIME MRS. WINDHAM REQUESTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA TO ADD THE CALL FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DONALD HAWBAKER, WHOSE SEAT BECAME VACANT ON MARCH 7, 2022.**

**Motion/Second to amend agenda by Mr. McClain/Mr. O'Brien carried 4-0.**

**Motion/Second to call for special election on May 24, 2022 by Mr. McClain/Mr. O'Brien carried 4-0.**

**X. Board Member Comments**

Jim O'Brien            No Comment.

Alfred Jester            No Comment.

James Newland            No Comment.

Roy McClain            No Comment.

**XI. Executive Session**

**Motion/Second by Mr. McClain/Mr. O'Brien to go into Executive Session for the purposes of personnel (OCGA 50-14-3(6)) and pending litigation (OCGA 50-14-2(1)) carried 4-0.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:06 pm.

**Motion/second to return to Open Session by Mr. Jester/Mr. McClain carried 4-0.**

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:10 pm.

**XII. Adjournment**

**Motion/Second to adjourn at 8:11 pm by Mr. Jester/Mr. O'Brien carried 4-0.**