

Election Supervisor Report

February 8, 2022

Amended Report to speak on Sunday Voting:

Sunday Voting (Optional) was not made available by law until 2014. It was not utilized until the previous administration and even then it was not implemented for all elections. There has never been an intent to “rid” of Sunday Voting as it has never been established by law or by choice in Spalding County for every election.

Certification

I am pleased to announce that the Certification process required for Election Officials and Voter Registrars has been completed.

Qualifying for May 24, 2022 Election

The qualifying fees for county offices have been set by the County Commissioners and is set based on 3% of the base salary of the elected offices:

County Commissioner	\$459.20
Solicitor	\$4,195.40
Board of Education Member	\$278.19

Qualifying for the upcoming May 24, 2022 Election begins on Monday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. and ends on Friday, March 11 at 12:00 noon. Qualifying will be held at the Office of Elections & Voter Registration, 825 Memorial Drive. Those interested in qualifying may pick up their paperwork between the dates and times noted above, complete paperwork with notarization, and return to the Office of Elections & Voter Registration no later than 12:00 noon on March 7.

Redistricting

The House Bill for Spalding County Commissioner Redistricting lines along with the Spalding Board of Education lines has been passed in the House and moved over to Senator Marty Harbin for the Senate review. In consulting with County Manager Steve Ledbetter, our office should have redistricting lines in hand hopefully no later than Tuesday of next week.

Voter Registration Report

Report for January 1, 2022 through January 31, 2022

Brand new Registrations: 76

Transferred from other counties into Spalding: 247

Moved Out of Spalding County: 106

Felons: 34

Moved Out of State: 92

Voter Registration Audit

Correct Address not reflected on card when address change was submitted: 356

Not on Computer List: 417 (We are in the process of breaking this number down. It will encompass the following: Felon cards not moved from the Active File to Felon file, the same so forth with Deceased, Moved Out of County, & Moved Out of State voters.. Voters were processed in the system but not removed from the physical file.

We have found approximately 15 Provisional Voter Registration Cards where the voter existed but a voter registration card had not been printed after processing the file. Therefore, they were directed to vote a Provisional ballot.

We have had to print approximately 35 voter registration cards where the record existed in the computer along with the card but the card once again had not been printed for the physical file.

As you can tell, this is a tedious process and we are learning new issues to look for and will have a much more detailed report by next month. I will be acquiring more poll workers this week to help carry out this task so that we can do it well but in a timely manner.

New Voter Registration System

The Secretary of State's office will be rolling out a new voter registration system on March 15, 2022. We have viewed several webinars and there are more planned which introduces the new system GARVIS.

Addressing issues

As instructed by Chairman Ben Johnson at last month's meeting, I reached out to Dr. Lashondra Jones and asked if she would email her concerns to me. As of date, I have not received an email. Therefore, the following items are the ones I am able to address without the need of additional information.

Proper Notice of the November 3, 2021 Election: This took place before my employment began.

Griffin Daily News published incorrect Advance Voting (Early Voting) dates: As soon as I was aware of the article, I phoned Griffin Daily News to which they corrected and printed while stating that this was their error the very next day. We had submitted previous information to Griffin Daily News which included the correct dates for Advance Voting.

Our office giving out incorrect Absentee information: I cannot address this as to more specific information is needed. I can assure the public that we work hard to follow the law and relay correct information to each and every person.

Confirmation of individuals' information heard within earshot on one particular day of Absentee Voting: This has been addressed and will not happen again.

Missing Candidate on ballot: I cannot address this as to more specific information is needed. All candidates who qualified were listed on the ballots and we did not receive any complaints from voters as to the candidates' names on their ballots.

Poll Worker Training misinformation: I cannot address this without specific information.

Cameras: Cameras were only used to ensure security after the Advance Voting was closed for the day. This was for the security of the voting equipment.

Notice of minutes: This has been addressed and all minutes are loaded on the Elections' webpage.

I spoke with Representative Karen Mathiak after the last meeting and verified that the Election she was referring to in her statements was the November of 2020 election. Therefore, there was not any following up to conduct.

Interviews

I conducted two interviews on yesterday and will conduct two more on tomorrow. I feel confident that the Elections System Coordinator position will be filled by the end of the week.

Pitney Bowe Postage machine

We are awaiting to sign a lease agreement with Pitney Bowe after Stephanie Windham reviews the 70 page contract and gives us the go ahead to order.

