

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION OF JASPER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

MAY 9, 2019 – 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Arzillo; Vice Chairwoman Pamela Williams; Mr. John Kemp; Mr. Rodney Catterton; Ms. Carrie Fair; Mrs. Denise Davidson and Director Jeanine Bostick.

ABSENT: None.

NOTIFICATION TO MEDIA: Chairman Arzillo announced the media was notified.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

INNOVATION: Ms. Fair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motioned by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Vice Chairwoman Williams to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned by Mr. Kemp to approve the April 11, 2019 board minutes with the following correction the rental fee for the coolant fans is \$100 per day for two fans and not \$100 per fan. Motion seconded by Ms. Fair. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Offsite Absentee Office in Hardeeville: Chairman Arzillo stated he wanted to make sure everyone was on board about having an offsite absentee precinct in Hardeeville and opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Kemp stated he felt Sgt. Jasper Park would be large enough and meets ADA requirements for a precinct. Mrs. Davidson's asked would it be a cost to the County to have an absentee facility in Hardeeville. The Director commented yes, funds would need to be allocated to setup and prepare the location, however nothing has been finalized on this matter. The Director went on to say the Board reviewed the Jasper County 2018 Comprehensive Plan concerning the projected growth in Jasper County within the next ten years and the Board would like to discuss with Council the possibility of having an offsite absentee office located in Hardeeville. It was motioned by Mr. Kemp to discuss with Council and explore the possibility of an offsite absentee office in Hardeeville. Motion seconded by Ms. Fair. Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: LINE BARRIERS QUOTE: The Director stated she visited the website suggested by Mrs. Davidson and other websites. The Director stated pricing definitely varies per manufacturers. The Director asked the Board to please set a price range for purchasing of the line barriers. It was motioned by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Kemp to approve purchasing the line barriers at a price range of \$1,000 to \$1,200. Motion carried unanimously.

SECURITY DOORS & ADA PEDESTAL: The Director informed the Board she is still awaiting a quote from Palmetto Security.

UPDATE: DOT SIGNAGE: The Director stated she contacted the local DOT office and was referred to Ms. Pat Smalls of the Charleston DOT office. Ms. Smalls stated Jasper County Voter Registration Office does not meet daily traffic requirements to qualify for a highway signage.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONT'D.: UPDATE: BILL 4441 JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: The Director informed the Board per the Jasper County Delegation Bill 4441 is now in House Judiciary and amended to read as follow, candidates seeking election will submit a statement of candidacy instead of signed petitions. The Director stated she asked the Delegation to correct the filing date in the bill and identify who would be responsible for filing the candidacy notice.

UPDATE: BILL 4384 DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS: The Director informed the Board per Will Roberts of South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Mapping Division email dated May 6, 2019. The Bill was recalled from Senate Judiciary Committee. Will stated they are on track to have a second reading on May 7, 2019 and a third reading on Thursday, May 9, 2019. Will's email also stated the new precincts would become effective as soon as the Governor signs off on the legislation unless an implementation date is added to the bill. Will stated an email will be sent once they receive word the bill has been signed and new maps of the precincts will be sent to the county.

The Director informed the Board the County will be working with Antioch Educational Center Summer Youth Program placing High School juniors and seniors to work in various county offices. The Voter Registration office has been designated as one of the offices to have a student placed. There will be a supervisor meeting on May 21, 2019 at the Old Ridgeland High School, Room 201 at 10am to 11:30am, to discuss the program.

The Director informed the Board she attended the County Tuesday Department Head's meeting with the County Administrator. At the meeting the Director mentioned the Security issues identified by the Jasper County Sheriff Department and refurbishing of the Voter Registration office. Mr. Fulghum assured the Director he would start focusing on the Voter Registration office once he has finalize the move for two other offices. The Director also talked about the issue with not being paid by the City of Hardeeville for the 2018 Combined Election. Mr. Fulghum stated he is planning a group meeting with the City of Hardeeville and other County agencies and would like Voter Registration to be a part of the meeting. In the meantime the County Attorney stated to send the City of Hardeeville an invoice every two weeks. The Director stated she spoke with the County Attorney about using off duty Fire Fighters or Police Officers to deliver and pickup our voting machines. The County Attorney stated it would be a conflict requiring being paid overtime. Mr. Kemp suggested perhaps using the Town and/or the City Fire Fighters and Police Officers.

The Director brought to the Boards attention Ridgeland 2 voting precinct has been agreed on by the Board to relocate to Kingdom Touch Ministries Gymnasium. The Director asked the Board are we now ready to proceed with sending out new voter registration cards to the voters, the Board response, yes.

The Director informed the Board the Emergency Preparedness Plan has been sent to the County Administrator and the Emergency Services Director.

Total registered voters: 19,316 as of April 28, 2019.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None.

BOARD ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Ms. Fair stated her concerns are, refurbishing the Voter Registration office and/or moving the Voter Registration office.

Mr. Kemp stated Mr. Etheridge brought up the subject of repairs in the Voter Registration office at Council meeting. Mr. Kemp stated Mr. Fulghum commented that County Council needed to decide what was going to be done.

Mr. Kemp stated he spoke with Mr. Mike Czymbor and suggested that Mr. Czymbor speak to developers about providing a building for a possible precinct within the new housing developments coming in the Hardeeville and Sun City areas.

Mr. Kemp stated he spoke with Rep. Williams about Board appointments and was told the delegation is currently working on appointments.

Mr. Kemp suggested changing the board stipend request for increase to \$1800 yearly instead of \$1900 yearly to avoid being taxed. No decision was made by the Board to change the requested amount.

TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MEETING: Mr. Kemp mentioned discussing precinct adjustments in Sun City.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, motion to adjourn by Vice Chairwoman Williams and seconded by Ms. Fair. Meeting adjourned at 5:57p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanine M. Bostick, Director

cc: File; Board Members; Mr. Andrew Fulghum, County Administrator and Jasper County Delegation.