

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION OF JASPER COUNTY

BOARD MINUTES

November 7, 2019 – 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Arzillo; Mr. John Kemp; Ms. Carrie Fair; Mr. Rodney Catterton and Director Jeanine Bostick.

ABSENT: Mrs. Denise Davidson and Chairwoman Pamela Williams.

NOTIFICATION TO MEDIA: Chairman Arzillo confirmed the media had been notified.

INNOVATION: Ms. Fair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Ms. Fair to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2019 Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Discussion: Special City of Hardeeville Election: The Director informed the Board Mr. Michael Sweeney turned in his letter of resignation to be effective October 31, 2019, therefore a Special Election is required. The Special Election is scheduled for January 28, 2020 the candidate filing opens Friday, November 15th 12 noon and closes Monday, November 25th, 12 noon. The Director also presented the Board with a letter estimating the cost of (\$5,800) for the Special Election with the understanding the cost could decrease or increase depending on the actual invoiced amounts. The precincts in the election are Hardeeville 1: Hardeeville 2; Okatie; Sun City Lakehouse and Sun City Pinckney Hall. Hardeeville 1 and Hardeeville 2 will be combined at Hardeeville 2 St. Stephens Church and Sun City Pinckney Hall (Beaufort Co.) will be combined at Sun City Lakehouse.

Discussion: Relocating the Tillman Precinct: The Director informed the Board of relocating the Tillman voting precinct to St. Matthew Baptist Church approximately 3 miles or less from the current precinct (Tillman Fire station). Mr. Kemp motioned to relocate the Tillman precinct to St. Matthew Baptist Church. After discussion the Board requested the Director to schedule a tour of the suggested facility before approving the move. The motion was rescinded until after the tour.

The Director informed the Board in their packet is the tentative agenda for the upcoming SCARE conference and anyone wishing to attend the conference please notify the office as soon as possible to reserve hotel and pay the conference registration fee.

The Director informed the Board the Town of Ridgeland Election was a success there were no problems, the voters loved the new system and the workers also loved the new system. Also, the Town of Ridgeland has paid for their election in full and paid in advance.

Ms. Fair asked where the funds from the Municipal Elections goes. The Director stated the funds are deposited into the County General Fund account.

The Director informed the Board of the passing of former Board Member Donald Sheftall, Sr. mom (Mrs. Gertrude Sheftall), services will be held at Bethel Baptist Church and a floral arrangement will be sent on behalf of the Board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONT'D.: Total Registered Voters: **19,832 increase of 83.**

Ms. Fair asked had the City of Hardeeville paid for their share of the 2018 General Election. The Director stated no.

Ms. Fair asked how the demonstration of the new voting system at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Association went. The Director stated it was a success the voters loved the new system and gave good feedback on how easy it was to use despite the extra steps.

Ms. Fair asked for an update on establishing a Satellite Office in Hardeeville. The Director stated she had not taken any further action due to the pending payment from the City of Hardeeville.

Ms. Fair asked for an update on the office reconstruction. The Director stated at this time no reconstruction has been done, however, new locks (combination) have been placed on several of the interior office doors.

Mr. Kemp suggested the following: purchase microfiber cleaning clothes for the new voting system screens.

Ensure Poll Workers are trained to instruct voters how to correctly feed their ballot cards into the DS200 (face down) to protect their privacy, and also be aware of some voters possibly walking out the precinct with their ballot card without casting their vote or the voter asking if they can have their ballot card back once its cast. Mr. Kemp stated he felt these are very serious issues we need to be concern with.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Arzillo stated he and Mr. Kemp demonstrated the new system at the Hardeeville Main Fair approximately 100 persons were able to have hands on with the new system. Chairman Arzillo also stated he wanted to share with the Board he spoke with Town of Ridgeland Clerk, Mrs. Penny Daley and she spoke very highly of the Director and the great job the Director was doing. The Director thanked the Chairman for bringing the message back to her and the Board.

BOARD ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Ms. Fair stated she will be working to set up demonstrations of the new voting system with various churches.

TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MEETING: Tillman Precinct

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business motioned to adjourn by Ms. Fair, seconded by Mr. Kemp. Meeting adjourn at 5:34p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by, Jeanine M. Bostick, Director

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