

**MCINTOSH COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION**

**April 4, 2022**

**BOARD MEETING**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** DeCalvin Hughes at 5:58 PM.

**INVOCATION:** DeCalvin Hughes

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Present

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Fly – SECRETARY, DeCalvin Hughes - CHAIRMAN, Marilyn Lynn - VICE CHAIRMAN, Michael Mock, Joseph Washington and Doll Gale – ELECTION SUPERVISOR. Mr. Hughes recognized that there was a quorum.

Mr. Hughes asked that we look over the agenda and request any item to be added now and discussed later in the meeting. No additions were made. **Michael Mock made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Joseph Washington. Motion Approved.**

Mr. Hughes asked the board to read over the minutes of February 7, 2022 and to entertain the motion to accept, change or make corrections. The Board agreed that the wording "census numbers" be changes to "these numbers" in the second full paragraph on page 2. That paragraph will be changed.

**MOTION to Accept February minutes with correction was made by Michael Mock and seconded by Marilyn Lynn. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION to Accept March minutes without corrections was made by Michael Mock and seconded by Mary Fly. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Doll Gale reported that there were 2,500 registered voters affected by the changes in polling places due to redistricting. There have only been a few complaints. The State still has not sent out the Voter Registration ID cards. After printing they will be sent to this office to mail.

VAP – Voter Age Population for County? Right now, there is no way to know – no data has been given. This office has registered 25 teens who are now 17.5 years of age and who will become 18 prior to the November election. They will be included in the system on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mrs. Gale stated that the Ambassador Program is still in operation at the high school.

Update on Qualifying. Mrs. Gale stated the only additions from the march 7<sup>th</sup> meeting are as follows:

Fred McIver – School Board – District 3

Stewart Peterseim – Rep. – District 5 – County Commissioner

Nicki Alford Glenn – Ind. – District 5 – County Commissioner

Ms. Glenn and Mr. Deverger will be running as Independents and must turn in petition signatures of 448 and 124, respectively, between June 27<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup> for the November election.

Independent candidates may appoint one poll watcher for each election in which their name is on the ballot. Michael Mock asked who trains these poll watchers and could another party train them? Mrs. Gale will call SOS office to clarify.

The conference went well but four presentations were missing some or all of their slides. Two have been provided but Ryan Germany has chosen not to place his presentation on Firefly as promised. (ENR by Blake Evans or Nick Norton is still missing as well.)

House Bill 1464 has been re-read by the Senate on 3-30-22 and much of the wording regarding the GBI's powers has been removed. Therefore, the bill is primarily allowing employees time off for voting during early voting periods. If approved without changes it will go to the Governor to sign.

Absentee Applications were discussed. We were instructed at training that Georgia required photo ID to vote at the polls but that Absentee Ballot applications can be approved with only the voter's Date of birth and Driver's License or State ID card number or the last four digits of their social security number as their identification. The SEB rule states the same thing. Mrs. Gale will also confirm this with our liaison, Alison, Blake Evans or Jesse Harris.

DeCalvin Hughes asked Mrs. Gale about the status of the County's lawsuit. The status of current lawsuit regarding the destroyed election box has not changed since last month. This lawsuit concerns the single box of election materials (NO ballots were included) that were mistakenly destroyed by the County Clerk's office. The Attorney General's office still has it and will make a recommendation to the SOS Board.

### **New Business:**

Of the \$281,248 budgeted for this County Office, only 36% (\$100,348.64) has been spent so far from the fiscal budget by 3-31-22 – the half-year mark. Mr. Hughes asked if this was adequate. Mrs. Gale replied she was expecting to come up short due to the

cost of the **second** and **separate** election, SPLOST, to be held on May 24. Each polling place must have the two elections held in separate rooms, which will require double the personnel and equipment.

Mrs. Gale will be calling poll workers next week and will set up training when fully staffed.

Mary Fly asked, shall any individual be given the official minutes from the Board of Electors Meetings? The County attorney stated that they should only receive the official, approved minutes. The Board decided that unofficial minutes are just notes and agreed with the attorney. **The motion to allow individuals access to the approved, official minutes of these Board Meetings was made by Michael Mock and seconded by Joseph Washington. Motion Approved.**

The Board of Electors meeting date is published in the paper each month. Our next meeting will be the first Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 and subsequent meetings for the year will be on the second Monday of each month.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** Monday, May 2, 2022 AT 6:00 PM at the office.

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS:**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Marilyn Lynn and seconded by Joseph Washington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:05pm**

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**DECALVIN HUGHES, CHAIRMAN**

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**MARY FLY, SECRETARY**