

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

**August 8, 2022**

**BOARD MEETING**

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

**INVOCATION:** DeCalvin Hughes

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Present

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

Tim Gardner, George Deverger, Alan Gravitt and Bill Johnson each requested time to address the Board during the meeting.

Mr. Gardner requested a hand recount from his run-off race. He also restated his same concerns from the last meeting. He also wanted to make available to Kathleen Russell the video being made.

Mr. Deverger requested an answer to his question regarding signature verifications.

Mr. Bill Johnson stated that he will put his questions in writing and present them to this office.

Alan Gravitt stated that he appreciated that Attorney Jason Nix took responsibility in stating that to video the meeting was not allowed when it is. He also suggested everyone read the opinion by US District Judge Amy Tottenberg in the Curling v Raffensperger case.

**Approval of Agenda** - postponed until later in the meeting.

Mr. Hughes asked the board to read over the minutes of July 11, 2022 and to entertain the motion to accept, change or make corrections.

Mrs. Gale stated that the word "poll worker" in the first paragraph under old business should be changed to poll watcher.

**MOTION to Accept July 11th minutes with corrections was made by Marilyn Lynn and seconded by Joseph Washington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. A motion was made by Marilyn Lynn and seconded by Joseph Washington to approve the starting time for all poll workers during elections for 6:00 AM. Motion Approved.
- B. A motion was made by Joseph Washington and seconded by Marilyn Lynn that pursuant to Rule 183-1-12-.10, poll watchers have the right to be present when setting up the voting equipment; therefore, it is recommended that all legally certified poll watchers have access during this performance. Motion Approved.
- C. A letter from Tim Gardner requesting a hand recount of his run-off race as well as this Office Attorney, Jason Nix's denial and reasons were read. A motion was made by Marilyn Lynn and a second by Joseph Washington to approve the inclusion of these documents into the record. Motion Approved. They are attached and made a part of these minutes.
- D. A letter from George J. Deverger, Jr. requesting a re-examination of a sample of signatures of petitioners that were declared out of compliance as well as his Nomination Petition, and the letter from McIntosh County Board of Elections and Registration allowing and completing that re-examination and further finding that all signatures submitted were out of compliance was presented. A motion was made by Marilyn Lynn and seconded by Joseph Washington to approve the inclusion of these documents into the record. Motion Approved. They are attached and made a part of these minutes.
- E. Nicki Alford-Glenn turned in her Nomination Petition on July 12, 2022. A motion was made by Marilyn Lynn and seconded by Mary Fly to include the attorney's letter notifying Mrs. Alford-Glenn that her petition contained only 421 of the required 448 and therefore did not qualify to run as a candidate for District 5 County Commission race in November 2022. Motion Approved. It is attached and made a part of these minutes.
- F. A letter from Jason Nix stating that he had revised his advice to the board regarding not videoing the meeting. It is attached has been included in the minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. A letter from John Vernon requesting electronic ballot images and SHA files from both the primary and run-off elections of this year be provided. A response letter from the attorney explaining availability and costs was read. A motion to accept these letters and include them in the minutes was made by Marilyn Lynn and seconded by Joseph Washington. Motion Approved. They are attached and made a part of these minutes.
- B. A motion to revisit and amend the by-laws was made by Joseph Washing and seconded by Marilyn Lynn. Motion Approved.

At this point the **Approval of the Agenda** was brought up again and included.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** An email from Board Member Michael Mock was read. It is attached and made a part of these minutes. He asked if the Board should consider holding off on wiping the data off the CF cards so that the original CF cards from the scanners be retained for the 24 months that all other elections records are required. Jason Nix explained that those CF cards are copied in triplicate after the election, one remains in this office, one is secured in the Superior Court office and one is sent to the Secretary of State's office. Only after those are successfully recorded are they wiped clean for the next election. Mary Fly made a motion, seconded by Marilyn Lynn that this item be tabled until the next meeting when Mr. Mock can be present and speak to any further concerns.

Mr. Mock also asked for an update on the Favorito v Boards of Elections (Case Number 22V-0527). Mr. Nix explained that since McIntosh County has not been made a party to this lawsuit or been served the questions concerning this county are not relevant at this time. Once the lawsuit is amended to include us, he feels that the charges are "probably groundless".

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** Monday, September 12, 2022 AT 6:00 PM at the office. Remember, Monthly meetings have been changed to the second Monday of each month.

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS:**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:50 PM.**

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**DECALVIN HUGHES, CHAIRMAN**

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**MARY FLY, SECRETARY**