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Board of Voter Registration & Elections

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday January 7th, 2020 at 4:30pm
Small Board Room, County Administration Facility
222 McDaniel Ave Pickens SC 29671

***** This agenda is not inclusive to everything the Board may discuss. *****

BOARD MEMBERS:

KATHLEEN W. HANE
Chairperson

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Vice-chairperson

GENEVA ROBINSON
Secretary

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I. Welcome and Call to Order by Chairperson Kathleen Hane

II. Invocation

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a. September 3, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- b. October 14, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- c. November 7, 2019 Board of Canvassers Minutes
- d. November 21, 2019 Board of Canvassers Minutes

IV. Public Comment Period

This is an opportunity for citizens to come before the Board with various issues. Citizens who wish to speak during the public comment period do not have to register or sign up in advance. Each person is limited to 5-minutes of speaking time. Maximum total public comment time is 20 minutes.

V. Motion period for old and new business:

a. Old Business

1. Update on Department equipment and storage space.

b. New Business

1. CY 2020 Board Meeting Schedule
2. Consider permanently moving the 138 Brush Creek Precinct and the 158 Pope Field Precinct from the Brushy Creek Baptist Church (100 Clay St Easley SC 29642) to the City of Easley's Larry D. Bagwell Gymnasium (111 Walkers Way, Easley, SC 29642) for all elections beginning March 1, 2020.
3. Consider temporary voting location for the 142 Crestview Precinct. We were notified on January 2, 2020 that we cannot use Saint Michaels Episcopal Church for the February 29, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary.

4. Preparation for the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary

Pickens County is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

5. FY 2021 Department Budget Request

6. Consider the request from Pickens County Democratic Party Chair Richard Byrd for Board staff to demonstrate the new voting machines during their next monthly meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2020.

VI. Executive Session: (Personnel 30-4-70 (a) (1)) – Annual Performance Evaluation of the Director

VII. Action As Needed Via Executive Session Item

VIII. Adjourn

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Board Meeting Minutes
222 McDaniel Ave B-9
Pickens, SC 29671
4:30 PM January 7th, 2020

Members Present: Ms. Gretchen Campbell, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Geneva Robinson, Secretary
Mr. Herbert Thompson
Ms. Sheree Chapman

Members Absent: Ms. June Bowers
Mr. Gavin Wilson
Ms. Kathleen Hane, Chairperson

Staff Present: Mr. Rodney Allen, Executive Director
Mr. Randy Russell, Election Analyst

Public Present: Mr. Alex Saitta, Mrs. Melanie Ginn

THIS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OF PICKENS COUNTY WAS HELD PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND ALL REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS WERE MADE.

Ms. Campbell called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance at 4:30 PM.

Mr. Thompson said the invocation.

Ms. Campbell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 13th and October 14th. Ms. Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. All in favor. So moved.

Ms. Campbell moved onto the public comment period.

Mr. Saitta stated that he likes the new system and how it brings voter confidence to our voters. Then he stated how he feels that poll clerk pay should be raised from \$195 to \$250 by the state or have the county supplement the extra pay that is over what the state reimburses for poll managers and poll clerks. He believes this will help the office get more capable workers to work the elections.

Public comment period closed.

Ms. Campbell moved on to old and new business and turned the meeting over to Mr. Allen.

Mr. Allen stated that we have asked for additional space and that the county Administrator has responded and told us that it will not be provided until after the February Presidential Preference Primary election due to building maintenance being on other projects.

Mr. Allen started on the new business stating that the boards' statements of economic forms are due by March 30th.

Mr. Allen and Election Analyst Mr. Russell will be out of the office for the February PPP Election training on January 10th.

Mr. Allen updated the board on the upcoming calendar year and all deadlines for the state.

Mr. Allen informed the board we have got permission to move the Brushy Creek Precinct from Brushy Creek Baptist Church to the Larry Bagwell Gym permanently. Ms. Campbell asked for a motion to move the 138 Brushy Creek precinct from Brushy Creek Baptist Church (100 Clay St Easley SC 29642) to the Larry Bagwell Gymnasium (111 Walkers Way, Easley, SC 29642). Ms. Chapman made the motion. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. All in favor. So moved.

Mr. Allen also informed the board we would need to temporarily move 142 Crestview from St Michaels Episcopal Church (1200 Powdersville Rd, Easley, SC 29642) to Rock Springs Baptist Church (310 Rock Springs Rd Building H Easley SC 29642). Ms. Campbell asked for a motion to temporarily move 142 Crestview to Rock Springs Baptist Church. Ms. Chapman made a motion. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. All in favor. So moved.

Mr. Allen let the board know the vendor came in and updated the software on our DS200 scanner electronic component on January 6th.

Mr. Allen informed the board we still need 6 clerks for the PPP election and that we have 8 of our 12 rovers. Poll manager training is February 3rd-6th and clerk class is February 10th and 11th. Jan 14th we will start proofing & testing the database. We will have our poll clerks picking up their equipment a week before the election starting the Monday of the week of the election.

Mr. Allen then went over the recommended budget that our office is able to control (Please see Budget Paper work). We have asked for election equipment insurance for \$6,700. We have also asked for 4 MAU employees to come in for 3 weeks prior to the election to assist with absentee voters, phone calls, and election day and night operations.

Ms. Campbell asked for a motion to approve the budget recommendation. Ms. Robinson made the motion to approve the budget recommendation. Ms. Chapman seconded the motion. All in favor. So moved.

Ms. Campbell asked for a motion to table the Directors performance review until next meeting. Ms. Chapman made a motion. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. All in favor. So moved.

Ms. Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. All in favor. So moved.

Adjourned 5:45pm

Respectively Submitted by

Randy Russell

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Election Analyst