

**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF  
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS**

**January 30, 2023 @ 9:30 A.M.**

**Board of Elections & Registration Office  
284 GA Highway 119 South, Springfield, GA 31329**

The Board of Elections and Registration held its monthly meeting on January 30, 2023

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING AND ROLL CALL:**

Those present were: Chairman Tommy Allen, Vice Chairman Glenda King, Board Member Ruth Brown, Board Member Rose Harvey. Director Olivia Chapman, and Deputy Registrar Dezita Thompson. Also present was Democratic Party Chairman Tony Chiariello and guest Bernard Scott. Absent was Assistant Director Laura Bassett.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. Vice Chairman King led the Invocation and the Pledge was recited. The meeting was properly advertised.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

The Agenda was presented, and it was approved as presented to the Board.

**MINUTES:**

The Minutes from the November 15, 2022 Board Meeting were presented. Board Member Harvey made a motion to approve the Agenda. Board Member Brown second the motion. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ **A. GARViS Training**

Georgia Registered Voter Information System (**GARViS**). Training was held in Athens, January 4-6 2023, which Director Chapman and Deputy Registrar Thompson attended. GARViS is scheduled to go live on February 6, 2023. Electionets' last day is January 31, 2023. GARViS was schedule to roll out last spring but it wasn't ready, the State held off and made additional developments. Staff also learned that we will be receiving new poll pads; they are cellular. Last Friday, the old poll pads were turned in at Wayne County. We are awaiting delivery of the new poll pads.

The new Poll Pads will operate on cellular service in real time. Such as seeing the poll pads actions from the office; correcting issue in real time; giving directions to voters via text messages to the cellular phones; uploading data faster. The new Poll Pads allows a mini printer to be connected to them to print voters' certificates if we choose to do so. This is will make Early voting much more efficient, instead of using laptops and printers—the new poll pads upload in real time to GARViS and gives voters credit for voting; saving a tremendous amount of money on toner and paper.

➤ **B. GAVREO Training**

Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials (GAVREO). February 12-15, 2023; annual 12-hours of continuing education that will be held in Jekyll Island at the Convention Center. Gladys Smalls and Kay Jackson will be present in the office during this time.

➤ **C. 2023/ 2024 Budget Request**

We have not received notice from the County of the budget timeline. Which typically personnel budget is due the first week of February. There are not a lot of changes to make for this budget. Director Chapman contacted Director of Finance Mark Barnes per our various repetitive accounts in an effort to consolidate them such as: Election Fees and Election Operation Supplies. Director Barnes explained the difference per account, several corrections were necessary because items were being allocated to incorrect accounts. Director Chapman has budget for four upcoming elections; PPP, General Primary, GP Runoff and November 2023 City of Guyton just in case. Director Chapman plans to ask for a capital request for HUB's; large metal containers that the machines will go into, offering ease of access, more security and less setup for poll workers on Election Day. They come in different sizes, the largest one holds four touch screen, and the printers, batteries, and wiring. We are requesting enough for each polling place. The secure HUBs would have everything loaded inside it, Poll Workers would only need to unlock the doors and plug the power into the wall. Trucks will still be needed for the delivery for units. Several other counties do use them and are pleased. Cost for all units \$180,000. These HUB's are more secured, easy mobility, easy to store, easy testing for L&A, save set-up time and save delivery time.

➤ **D. Any Board or Staff Concerns**

Following up on the assistance for Screven County.

Chairman Tommy Allen, Board Member Ruth Brown and Board Member Rose Harvey terms expires June of 2023.

➤ **E. Public Comments—Limited to Agenda Items Only**

None

➤ **F. Executive Session (If Necessary)**

None

➤ **G. Adjournment**

No further business was required. There was no objection to adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m. The next board meeting will be scheduled for March 13, 2023 at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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