

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

**March 11, 2019 @ 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 March 11, 2019.

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

Those present were; Chairman Tommy Allen, Vice Chairman Glenda King, Secretary Carla Freels, Board Member Ruth Brown, Board Member Rose Harvey and Director Olivia Morgan and Assistant Director Laura Bassett. Also present was Democratic Party member Jack Garvin.

**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 February 11, 2019 Board Meeting were presented. Board member Brown made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Harvey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**HEARING:**

Chairman Allen called for any names to be presented for a Hearing. Assistant Director Bassett stated that there were no names on the hearing list.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- On February 21, 2019 Director Morgan attended the budget meeting. In attendance were Finance Director Christy Carpenter, HR Director Vicky Dunn and Mark Barnes also from the finance department. Equipment costs were discussed and Supervisor Morgan also asked for a \$65,000 allotment for building renovations.
- New security measures for the equipment and building might be an additional cost.
- HB316 has passed all GA House committees and is now in the Senate. Director Morgan and Assistant Director Bassett have been following all hearings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Office activities

- Director Morgan reported that we now have 43,000+ registered voters in Effingham County. Active voter numbers are 40,044 and inactive voter numbers are 3,079. The sharp increase is due to the volume of voters we have been receiving from DDS.
  - Director Morgan has been working on updating the "Standard Operating Procedures" manual.
  - We are still charging all voting equipment as required.
  - New laptops and scanners have been requested.
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- Effingham County will be installing new biometric timeclocks through all of its buildings.
  - Director Morgan spoke with Commissioner Jamie Deloach about the update on the building take-over. He said that they feel the price of the Annex renovation is going to cost too much money so they are looking at a short term lease for 4H to move to the old Rincon Elementary School building. A lease agreement with the School Board will need to be worked out.
  - Director Morgan and Assistant Director Bassett will attend the GEOA/VRAG conference that will be held on Jekyll Island March 24 through March 27. The next conference will be held in Savannah in December. All 3 office staff members will attend.

#### **BOARD OR STAFF CONCERNS:**

- Director Morgan has been summoned for jury duty on April 9, 2019 and will be out of the office.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- An executive session was not necessary.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

No further business was required. There was no objection for meeting adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM. The next board meeting will be scheduled for April 8th at 9:30 AM. Board Member Harvey will be out of town and unable to attend.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Carla Freels, Secretary