

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

June 12, 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 July 12, 2023.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING AND ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Vice Chairman Glenda King, Board Member Ruth Brown, Secretary Rose Harvey, Director Laura Bassett, and Assistant Director Krystle McDonald. Also in attendance were: Democratic Party Chairman Tony Chiariello, and George Mack with Fair Count. Not present was Chairman Tommy Allen, Board Member Bernard Scott, and Deputy Registrar Dezita Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman King called the meeting to order at 9:36 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 approved as presented to the Board.

MINUTES:

The Minutes from the May 8, 2023, Board Meeting were presented. Secretary Harvey made a motion to approve the Agenda. Board Member Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Assistant Director Position Filled

Krystle McDonald accepted the position as the new Assistant Director of Elections on May 29th.

B. TSPLOST IGA for Municipal Elections

On June 1, 2023, Chairman Allen, Director Bassett, and Assistant Director McDonald met with County Manager Tim Callanan and County Attorney, Lee Newberry to discuss changes to the IGA. The first proposed change was that Chairman Allen requested wording to be included to reiterate that the Board of Elections (as opposed to the County) is making the contract with the municipalities. The second proposed change was the correction to be made that the runoff would be in 2023 (as opposed to 2024).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Office Activities

- Director Bassett mentioned there were 9 elected officials remaining to turn in their personal financial disclosures.
- Director Bassett has put together candidate packets in preparation for possible District 4 opening.
- Director Bassett has been working to ensure the budget is on track for the new fiscal year.

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B. Budget Approval and Amendment

There were two capital requests for the budget. The first was for poll pad stands, which were approved and added back in the budget at the second reading. With the stands now in the budget for the next fiscal year, Director Bassett has ordered the poll pad cases from the current fiscal year budget. The second request was for the hubs, which County Manager Tim Callanan stated would be added into the budget amendment. At the Commissioner’s Meeting held on June 6, 2023, Director Bassett requested and received confirmation that the hubs would be included in the budget amendment.

C. Polling Place Change

The Macomber Park polling place (5A) was originally being moved to Rincon United Methodist Church (name to soon change to Rincon Global Methodist Church), which is out of precinct. As an alternative, the new location will now be at Oak Grove Church of Christ (100 Lexington Avenue in Rincon), to keep the location in the original precinct.

BOARD OR STAFF CONCERNS:

Gladys Smalls will be transitioning to full-time, effective July 10, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Democratic Party Chairman Tony Chiariello shared that Director Bassett was in a good position in her new role, and commended her for attending various meetings and establishing good relationships.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business was required. There was no objection to adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m. The Next board meeting will be scheduled for July 10, 2023 at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rose Harvey, Secretary