# LEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION Minutes of the July 13, 2021 Board Meeting

The Lee County Board of Elections & Registration held a meeting on July 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Elections & Registration Office. Board members present were Mike Sabot, Helen Butler, Angus Worthy, Scott Beeley, and George Houston.

Also in attendance was Veronica Johnson, Director of Elections and Registration.

The meeting was called to order. The Board members were introduced to George Houston, recent appointee to the Board of Elections and Registration by the County Commission. Mr. Houston is awaiting paperwork to officially be sworn in as a Board member.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Board was presented with the minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting. Mr. Beeley made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Mrs. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Johnson informed the Board the FYE2022 Budget has been approved with some reductions.

The Board discussed upcoming training opportunities with the Center for Election Services and Dominion Voting for office staff August 2-4, 2022 in Marietta, GA. Mrs. Johnson and Kristen Mathis will attend.

An update was given on equipment inventory and new information regarding a warranty and maintenance agreement with Dominion for the voting equipment. The warranty payment will be billed in December.

Discussion was held on supplemental insurance to cover legal fees for the Board of Elections and Registration members. Mrs. Johnson has discussed the need with an ACCG insurance representative and will update the Board as more information becomes available.

An update was given on preparations for the upcoming Municipal General Elections.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board was presented with current financial statements for review.

The Board was presented with current voter registration reports. As of July 13, 2021 Lee County had 23,601 active registered voters.

The Board was informed a Joint Reapportionment and Redistricting Hearing will be held in Albany, GA on July 27, 2021. Mrs. Johnson will attend.

The Board was informed office staff will be attending the GAVREO Conference August 29 – September 1, 2021 in Jekyll Island, GA.

A discussion was held on the amount of overtime office staff worked during the 2020 Election cycle and the burnout rate among election staff across Georgia. It was noted salaried staff worked over 800 hours of overtime.

Mr. Beeley made a <u>MOTION</u> enter into Executive Session at 9:57 am to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Worthy seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The Board meeting resumed at 10:04 am.

## **CONCERNS FROM THE BOARD:**

None

With no other business, Mr. Beeley made a <u>MOTION</u> to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Lee County Board of Elections and Registration

Adopted 8/10/2021

MIKE SABOT CHAIRMAN