

# LEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

## Minutes of the April 12, 2022 Board Meeting

The Lee County Board of Elections & Registration held a meeting on April 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Elections & Registration Office. Board members present were Mike Sabot, Helen Butler, Scott Beeley, Angus Worthy, and George Houston.

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

The meeting was called to order.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Board was presented with the minutes from the March 8, 2022 meeting. Mr. Worthy made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Mrs. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Board was informed that new precinct cards, following the redistricting process, have been order but not arrived yet.

Discussion was held on the new statewide voter registration system, GARVIS. Due to time constraints with the upcoming Primary and the need for additional development, counties will continue to use ENet until late summer or early fall.

Discussion was held on the upcoming 2022 election cycle.

- Poll worker training has begun. There is a need for additional poll workers.
- UOCAVA ballots went out by mail and EBD on April 5, 2022.
- Absentee-by-mail ballots will go out beginning April 25, 2022.
- Advance-in-Person voting will be held May 2 -20, 2022. Additional check-in stations have been added to increase efficiency.
- To date, Lee County is still waiting on new Poll Pads for the pilot program.

Discussion was held on the submitted FYE 2023 budget request submitted to the County Commissioners. No feedback has been provided by the commission or finance director.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board was presented with current financial statements for review.

The Board was presented with current voter registration reports. As of April 7, 2022 Lee County had 22,455 active registered voters.

The Board was presented with a request from the Board of Commissioners to call for a Special Election, to be held in conjunction with the November 8, 2022 General Election, to place a

referendum regarding package sales before the voters. Mr. Beeley made a **MOTION** to issue the call for a Special Election. Mr. Worthy seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion was held on staff pay, changes in election responsibilities, and a succession plan for the future. It was noted that a staff position has been added to the FYE2023 budget to help accomplish succession planning goals.

Mr. Beeley made a **MOTION** to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 9:50 am. Mr. Houston seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board exited Executive Session and returned to an opening meeting at 10:15 am.

Mr. Beeley made a **MOTION** to increase Kristen Mathis' salary \$1.00 per hour beginning July 1, 2022, based on job performance, increased duties and expectations, and in addition to any COLA, longevity, or across the board pay increases offered to county employees during the budget process. Mr. Houston seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Worthy made a **MOTION** to increase Veronica Johnson's salary \$5,000 per year beginning July 1, 2022, based on job performance, increased duties and expectations, and in addition to any COLA, longevity, or across the board pay increases offered to county employees during the budget process. Mr. Beeley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **CONCERNS FROM THE BOARD:**

None

With no other business, Mr. Beeley made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Houston seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **Lee County Board of Elections and Registration**

  
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**MIKE SABOT**  
**CHAIRMAN**

Adopted 5/10/2022