

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Board Meeting

The Lee County Board of Elections & Registration held a meeting on April 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Elections & Registration Office. Board members present were Mike Sabot, Charles Johnson, Scott Beeley, and Willie Allen. George Houston was unable to attend.

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 18, 2024 meeting. Mr. Allen made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Mr. Beeley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board was updated on the Risk Limiting Audit conducted following the March 12, 2024 PPP/Special Election. The audit match the numbers certified 100%.

The Board was informed a proposed budget had been received from the Finance Director. The budget appears to be based solely on expenditures from 2020. During 2020 and the COVID pandemic, many expenses were covered by the Secretary of State's Office that will not be covered in 2024/2025. (Maintenance agreement, ballot printing/mailing by Runbeck, etc) Mrs. Johnson will send a letter noting these items and the need for funding to be restored.

Discussion was held on preparations for the May 21, 2024 Primary/Nonpartisan Election. Candidates qualified the week of March 4 -8, 2024. The Board agreed to hold certification on May 24, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Current financial statements were presented to the Board for review.

The Board was presented with current voter registration totals. As of April 9, 2024 Lee County had 22,613 active registered voters.

Discussion was held on collaborating with Dougherty County to produce a public service announcement advertising advance voting for the November 2024 General Election. The announcement could be share with all local media outlets to help increase the advance voting turnout. Mr. Beeley made a **MOTION** to approve collaborating with Dougherty County to produce a PSA. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The Board was informed the county attorneys for the recent SPLOST/Bond Referendum held on March 12, 2024 have asked for additional certification sheets. Mr. Allen made a **MOTION** to

approve the results of the Special SPLOST Election and sign certification forms. Mr. Beeley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

A request for a Special Election for Soil and Water Commission has been received. Mr. Beeley made a **MOTION** to call for a Special Election to be held for Soil and Water Commissioner. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

CONCERNS FROM THE BOARD:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

With no other business, Mr. Beeley made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Lee County Board of
Elections and Registration**

Adopted 5/24/2024



MIKE SABOT
CHAIRMAN