

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Minutes of the August 13, 2024 Board Meeting

The Lee County Board of Elections & Registration held a meeting on August 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Elections & Registration Office. Board members present were Mike Sabot, Willie Allen, and Charles Johnson. Members Scott Beeley and George Houston were 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 June 24, 2024 meeting. Mr. Johnson made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board was updated on the Leesburg Special Election scheduled for November 5, 2024. Qualifying was held and one candidate qualified, Mr. Jamie Baggett. In accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-291, having only one qualified candidate, no election is required.

The Board was informed the security ballot paper that does not contain the required watermark has been destroyed, as strongly recommended by the Secretary of State's Office.

The Board was updated on the cybersecurity training staff attended on August 7, 2024. The training was facilitated by the Secretary of State's Office and CICSA.

Office staff will also attend a statewide training seminar in Forsyth, GA August 26-30, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Current financial statements were presented to the Board for review.

The Board was present with current registration totals. As of August 13, 2024 Lee County had 22,662 active registered voters.

The Board was informed Mrs. Helen Butler, longtime member of the Board of Elections and Registration recently passed away. Mr. Allen, on behalf of the local Democratic Party, read a letter acknowledging Mrs. Butlers contributions into record. (see attached). The Board will reach out to her family to offer condolences.

The Board was updated on dates associated with the upcoming November 5, 2024 General Election. Logic and Accuracy Testing is tentatively scheduled for September 16, 2024. Poll Officer training dates are September 30 – October 3, 2024. Absentee-by-Mail begins with UOCAVA ballots being mailed on September 18, 2024 and regular absentee ballots being mailed

October 7, 2024. Advance-in-Person voting begins October 15, 2024 and ends November 1, 2024.

Discussion was held on recent State Election Board rules.

The Board was informed the Secretary of State's Office has contracted with Know Ink to print and mail precinct and confirmation notices. Postage will be billed back to the counties at .50 cents per mail piece.

Mrs. Johnson informed the Board she has been asked to present recent election law changes to members of ACCG in Albany on August 22, 2024.

CONCERNS FROM THE BOARD:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diedre Johnson and a member from the ACLU had questions for the Board regarding election and registration procedures. Mrs. Johnson and Board members were able to answer all question and thanked them for their interest in the process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Sabot made a **MOTION** to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 10:14 am. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:35 am.

Mr. Sabot and Board members expressed their support of Mrs. Johnson and her work for the citizens of Lee County.

With no other business, Mr. Sabot made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**Lee County Board of
Elections and Registration**

Adopted 9/10/2024


MIKE SABOT
CHAIRMAN