**Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration**

**Decatur County Elections Office, Courthouse Annex**

**122 W. Water St.**

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**May 12, 2020**

**Call To Order**

**Administrative Notes and Announcements**

The regular meeting of the Decatur County Board of Elections and Voter Registration was called to order by Board Chairman Keith Sellars at 6:32 p.m., and stated that the meeting had been duly advertised in the newspaper, and on the appropriate building properly identifying the meeting date, time and location as required by governing laws. Board Member Gina Burke had texted staff just before the meeting of a family emergency and she couldn’t come to the meeting. It was also noted that the April meeting of the Elections Board was cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Public Participation**: None

**Board Members present: Staff present:**

Board Chairman Keith Sellars Carol P. Heard, Chief Elections Official

Board Vice Chairman Beverly Holmes Tasia Porter, Clerk of Voter Registration

Board Member Johnny Brown Margaret Bryant, office staff

Board Member Dan Provence Poll worker Suzan Yates

**Approved Minutes**

Board Member Dan Provence made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 10, 2020, regular meeting. Board Member Beverly Holmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Budget**

1. Review of the current budget as of April with ideally 25 percent of the budget remaining. The Elections Office had 14 percent remaining. Large negative numbers include the following: Dues and fees at -366 percent, which account for legal fees; operating supplies at -124 percent; and, election supplies at -561 percent, which include a lot of precinct-related supplies and personal protection supplies, some of which will be reimbursed by the state. There was also general discussion on the budget process.

**Old Business**

1. **Status of June General Primary and Presidential Preference Primary.**

Chief Elections Official Carol Heard outlined the general plans for the combined General Primary and Presidential Preference Primary, which included advanced voting, Election Day polling locations and early tabulation.

**New Business**

1. **Proposed plan to split the Coliseum precinct.**

CEO Heard outlined the challenges the Coliseum polling location has presented. Her concern was the electrical infrastructure and the number of active voters in one precinct. An idea was to split the precinct with voters within the Bypass to stay within the Coliseum polling location, and any of those outside the Bypass would move to another location. The challenge would be trying to change the voters as well as informing them.

Chairman Keith Sellars said he would first like for CEO Heard to make all the preliminary plans for what is entailed before a final decision is made. Chairman Sellars forwarded a motion to instruct staff to prepare the research for splitting the Coliseum precinct. Board Member Dan Provence seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment --** The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.