**Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration**

**Decatur County Board of Board of Elections Meeting Room**

**122 W. Water St.**

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**March 24, 2017**

**Call To Order**

**Administrative Notes**

The monthly meeting of the Decatur County Board of Elections and Voter Registration was called to order by Board Member Keith Sellars at 6:30 p.m. and stated that the meeting had been duly advertised in the newspaper and on the appropriate buildings properly identifying meeting date, time and location as required by governing laws. Board Members Wendell Cofer and Willie Lamb had stated they had scheduling conflicts.

**Public Participation**: None

**Board Members present: Staff present:**

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

Board Member Gina Burke Linda Walton, Clerk of Voter Registration

Board Member Beverly Holmes IT Manager Roy Reynolds

Poll workers Sammie Battle and David Diaz, and guest Carolyn Reynolds

**Approve Minutes**

Board Member Gina Burke made a motion to accept the minutes from the Feb. 14, 2017, meeting, and Board Member Beverly Holmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

**(A) Consideration of provisional ballots for March 21 Special Called Election and to certify it.**

Clerk of Voter Registration Linda Walton stated there were a total of four provisional ballots from the March 21 Special Called Election. Three of the ballots were voters voting out of precinct, and the fourth was a voter who failed to produce a photo ID.

Active voters who out of precinct are Patricia Loyd Taunton of the Climax Precinct, Debra Kay Eakin and Donnie Lee Coxwell, both of the West Bainbridge Precinct. All three voters voted in the Coliseum. Board Member Gina Burke made a motion to approve these provisional votes after they are duplicated to reflect their correct precinct. Board Member Beverly Holmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk of Voter Registration Linda Walton said Joyce Leverett attempted to vote in advance at the Courthouse Annex but failed to produce a photo ID. Ms. Leverett never followed up with presenting a photo ID within the deadline. Board Member Gina Burke made a motion to not accept Ms. Leverett’s ballot. Board Member Beverly Holmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Beverly Holmes offered a motion to proceed with counting the three accepted provisional ballots and to certify the Special Called Election. Board Member Gina Burke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The complete and official results to renew the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax was 571 votes for YES (87.31 percent), and 83 votes for NO (12.69 percent).

**Adjournment --** The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.