

Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration

Fairgrounds Polling Location

1211 Vada Road

Bainbridge, GA 39817

February 13, 2018

Call To Order

Administrative Notes

The monthly meeting of the Decatur County Board of Elections and Voter Registration was called to order by Board Chairman Wendell Cofer at 6:41 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.

Public Participation: None

Board Members present:

Board Chairman Wendell Cofer

Board Vice Chairman Willie Lamb Jr.

Board Member Beverly Holmes

Staff present:

Carol P. Heard, Chief Elections Official

Linda Walton, Clerk of Voter Registration

Office staffers Margaret Bryant and Carla Robinson

Honorary Guests: Poll workers Janelle Nelson, Anna R. Washington and Mary Jacobs.

Guests: Poll workers Edith Miller, Melbah Andrews, Billy Ward, Shorrie Jones, Georgette Burke, Melissa Taylor, Brendia King, Emma Sales, Quintina Morris, Sammie Battle, Tracy Moten, Suzan Yates, Alcania Brown, Sharon Jackson, Tequila Rogers, Scotty Searan and Linda Walker.

Approve Minutes

Board Member Beverly Holmes made a motion to accept the minutes from the Jan. 9, 2018, meeting, and Board Vice Chairman Willie Lamb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget

Chairman Wendell Cofer said at this point in the year the ideal remaining percentage is 39, and the Elections budget is 51 percent. A draft of a proposed budget for 2018-19 was presented to the board, which the county administrator requested. Chairman Cofer said there will be budget hearings in March with final adoption anticipated for June 30. Cofer said there is a \$5,550 increase because of a proposal to spend \$12,000 toward upgrades to the Fairgrounds polling location. Some of those upgrades include a new roof, paving and making other improvement around the entrance such as removing the ticket booth and moving fence.

Old Business

A. Recognition of poll workers

Poll workers Janelle Nelson, Mary Jacobs and Anna R. Washington, who each have more than 40 years of service to the voters of Decatur County, were individually recognized with resolutions from the Decatur County Board of Elections and with a multi-plate plaque with their names engraved in it that will be on display in the conference room of the Courthouse Annex.

New Business

A. Update on legislative changes to voting equipment.

Chief Elections Official Carol Heard updated the Board with pending legislation that would move Georgia to paper-backup voting machines.

Adjournment -- The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.