**Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration**

**Decatur County Elections Office, Courthouse Annex**

**122 W. Water St.**

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**April 12, 2022**

**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 6:31 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 Members Beverly Holmes did not attend.

**Public Participation**: Kelvin Bouie, chairman of the county Democratic Party, asked if there was any information on non-citizens registration. However, he was mainly asking about the challenges of the two voters the board challenged. Heard explained the circumstances of those two voters and why they were unique. Mr. Bouie also asked about GARVIS, which CEO Heard explained what it is and why they are changing systems.

**Board Members present: Staff and others present:**

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

Board Member Dan Provence Margaret Bryant, Clerk of Voter Registration

Board Member Johnny Brown Poll workers Evelyn Severson, Suzan Yates,

Board Member Gina Burke Emma Sales, Patricia Williams and Becky Harrell.

**Approved Minutes**

Board Member Johnny Brown made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 8, 2022, regular meeting. Board Member Gina Burke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Budget**

Chief Elections Official Carol Heard reviewed the current budget. The ideal remaining should be 25 percent. The Elections Office budget stood at 49 percent.

CEO Heard said the big-ticket items are complete or almost complete, such as the elevator and the West Bainbridge precinct. There were additional costs to the VFW Building that the county is covering such as two new air-conditioner units and redoing the kitchen.

**Old Business**

Consideration to challenge and give notice of a hearing to the following voters under O.G.C.A. 21-2-229: Registration number 07336126 and 04938202. After some discussion, Board Member Gina Burke put forth the motion discussed by the board to challenge in Decatur County only the registration of those two voters. Board Member Johnny Brown seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously.

**New Business**

1. **May 24 Primary/Non-Partisan General Election**

There were some discussions on plans for election day and early tabulation. CEO Heard said Board Member Johnny Brown’s presence all day during Election Day is always beneficial. Members decided to meet at 5:30 p.m. on May 27.

1. **GARVIS and GAVREO Update**

CEO Heard gave a brief update on the status of GARVIS statewide voter registration database. Heard said Decatur County is a county that will receive the cellular poll pads as part of a pilot. Heard announced she was selected as the secretary of GAVREO, which she hopes there will be some changes to come about.

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