**Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration**

**Decatur County Elections Office, Courthouse Annex**

**122 W. Water St.**

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**July 14, 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 6:30 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. Mr. Sellars reported Board Member Gina Burke would be a little late.

**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 Zack Calhoun

Board Member Gina Burke Democratic Party Liaison Meghan Hickman

**Approved Minutes**

Board Member Dan Provence made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 14, 2020, regular meeting. Board Vice Chairman Beverly Holmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Budget**

Board Chairman Keith Sellars noted the Elections Office ended the 2019-2020 fiscal year with a negative 18 percent balance, which Mr. Sellars said had discussed numerous times throughout the fiscal year.

**Old Business**

1. **Starting Student Ambassador program at Bainbridge High School**

Chief Elections Official Carol Heard asked to defer discuss until Board Member Gina Burke arrives. When Burke arrived, she said the schools and school board are uncertain if face-to-face classes or clubs will return this fall. Everything is on a holding pattern.

1. **Brief discussion on finding alternatives over concerns with Coliseum polling location**

Chief Elections Official Carol Heard said the Coliseum polling location is still raising concerns. Board members offered feedback and requested exploration of more ideas to see of ways to ensure voters are best served.

**New Business**

1. **Poll worker recruitment and training**

Chief Elections Official Carol Heard said she had to cancel a post-election meeting because of fears of a large gathering. She included in the board’s packet an outline of poll worker training and a new employee agreement. Heard said the poll worker training outline will focus on which poll workers need to attend which training, such as those working on the Poll Pads need to come to a more detailed and vigorous training on Poll Pads other than the cursory training offered in the basic training course. The board approved the purchase of pins for the poll workers at a cost of $1.70 each.

**Adjournment --** The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.