**Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration**

**Decatur County Board of Elections Meeting Room**

**122 W. Water Street**

**Bainbridge, GA 39819**

**March 4, 2016**

**Call To Order**

**Administrative Notes**

The monthly meeting of the Decatur County Board of Elections and Voter Registration was called to order by Chairman Wendell Cofer at 5:31 p.m. and stated that the meeting has been duly advertised in the newspaper and on the buildings properly identifying meeting date, time and location as required by governing laws.

**Board Members present: Staff present:**

Chairman Wendell Cofer Carol P. Heard (Chief Elections Official)

Vice Chairman Willie Lamb Jr. (late) Linda Walton (Clerk of Voter Registration)

Beverly W. Holmes Roy Reynolds (IT manager)

Keith Sellars

Gina Burke

**Approve Minutes**

Board Member Keith Sellars made a motion to accept the minutes of the Feb. 9, 2016, regular meeting. Board Member Beverly Holmes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

1. Provisional ballots cast during the March 1, 2016, Presidential Preference Primary, which numbered 71 individual ballots.

Board Chairman Wendell Cofer proposed the board have a standing motion to accept or deny each ballot as presented by staff after staff members had completed research on the provisional voters. Staff called out each name and the circumstances of each provisional ballot was detailed.

The list was broken down in the following manner as presented by Clerk of Voter Registration Linda Walton:

**Voters not registered or canceled in Decatur County:**

**Attapulgus**

Phyllis G. Hatcher (out of county) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Sharoma Ousley (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Elaine Hatcher (not registered) -- staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

**Climax**

Kara Breanna Daniel (out of county) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Daisy J. Kennedy (out of county) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Betty J. Monfort (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Charlene Scott (out of county) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Dewy Mark Phillips (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Sandra O’Neil Thornton (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Melissa Comers Harrell (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

**Coliseum**

Lori Tillman Sego (out of county) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

James Sego (out of county) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Jamie Scott Smith (out of county) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Chadwick Brannon Barrett (out of county) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Stephanine Hughes (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Brenda Shields (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Haley Chandler (out of county) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Velvet Flowers (out of county) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Lesley D. Griffin (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Shantyl Tomlin (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

DeAndrea Green (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Lakisha Murphy (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Ambar Reyes (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Brenda Izaguirre (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Joseph Crawford (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Darius Peterson (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Cherri Mashone Johnson Fleming (registered after Feb. 1 deadline) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Callie Katerine Ward (canceled and not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

**Fairgrounds**

Jasmine Bullock (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Cameron Williams (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Harold O’Neal Stewart (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

Tiffany Cooper (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

**Mount Pleasant**

Lauren Taylor Strickland (registered after Feb. 1 deadline) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

**Recovery**

Sierra Christie (not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously, which at this time included Vice Chairman Willie Lamb’s vote after his arrival at 5:42 p.m.

**West Bainbridge**

Leslie Ann Kendrick (canceled, not registered) – staff recommended rejection. Motion passed unanimously.

**No photo ID**

**Fairgrounds --** Jamere Hopkins – staff recommended rejection since this voter didn’t present photo ID at precinct nor at deadline of Friday, March 4, at 5 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

**Coliseum --** Tristan Aleman – staff recommended rejection since this voter didn’t present photo ID at precinct nor at deadline of Friday, March 4, at 5 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

**Voted out of precinct but registered in Decatur County**

Chairman Cofer said this was a federal election with no local ballots. Board Member Keith Sellars and Cofer said they were working on the theory that the voters’ votes should count. Cofer recommended that the Clerk of Voter Registration Linda Walton read each voters’ names into the record and then the Board take a vote on all those names. Cofer said all the following names are registered voters in Decatur County voting in a national election with no local contests in play. A motion to allow all those ballots to be counted was passed unanimously.

**Attapulgus --** Quentieria Knight, Sarah Dollar, Fredrick Shilo, David Harrell and Charles Ross Hatcher Jr.

**Brinson --** Antonio Jacobs, Kevin Lawrence and Deborah Williams.

**Climax --** Heather Meshelle Dean, Ollie Mae Harris and Jeannie S. Heard.

**Coliseum --** Tracy Anderson, Joseph Crager, Lea Hawkins, April Powell, Mistee Deen, Ronald Jay Myers Jr. and Dressden Hamilton.

**Fairgrounds --** Elaine E. Johnson and EKerry D. Harrell.

**West Bainbridge --** Jodie Harrell, Lashawn Robinson, Paula Shinette Tucker, Dale Scott Addison, Maria Granados, Janet McConnell and Lillie Weaver.

The Board and staff completed its final and complete count of the March 1, 2016, Presidential Preference Primary Election.

**Other Business**

Board Member Beverly Holmes requested staff come up with a different closing sheet that more reflects the advance voting procedures instead of the precinct closing procedures.

Chairman Wendell Cofer also recommended to Chief Elections Official Carol Heard that a meeting take place with all the precinct workers and particularly managers to recap the election. That meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the County Administration Building. There was discussion on how to better organize the advance voting machines and their tallies, and how to better serve the poll workers as they faced a long and hectic day.

The Board adjourned by 6:15 p.m.