

Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration
Decatur County Board County Commissioners Meeting Room
203 W. Broughton St.
Bainbridge, GA 39817
August 8, 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 Chairman Wendell Cofer 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 Member Keith Sellars notified staff he was out of town relative to his job.

Public Participation: None

Board Members present:

Board Chairman Wendell Cofer

Board Vice Chairman Willie Lamb Jr.

Board Member Beverly Holmes

Board Member Gina Burke

Staff present:

Carol P. Heard, Chief Elections Official

Linda Walton, Clerk of Voter Registration

Future poll worker Melbah Andrews

Approve Minutes

Board Member Gina Burke made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 11, 2017, meeting, and Board Member Beverly Holmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Budgets

Discussion of the 2017-18 budget was tabled.

Old Business

1. Discussion of computer security and worst-case scenario.

Discussion was tabled until September when Board Member Keith Sellars returns.

2. Consideration of changing the Board's meeting place.

Chairman Wendell Cofer asked if it was the Board's desire to approach the county commissioners to change the regular meeting location from the meeting place of the county commissioners to the Elections Office? Board Member Beverly Holmes said they were waiting to hear back from Cofer. He said it looks like it is legally permissible under home rule, it would not require any state legislative change and he thought the change would be beneficial to staff.

Board Member Gina Burke said she thought all the board members agreed to change the meeting location but were waiting to hear on the legality.

Chairman Cofer then asked those board members to give him permission to ask the county administrator and county attorney to review it and request the county commission to approve it if it is found to be legal.

The board members present granted Chairman Cofer their permission. He said he would proceed with correspondences to reflect the Board's desire.

New Business

A. Municipal and special elections – intergovernmental agreements, qualifying, etc.

Chief Elections Official Carol Heard said the Board of County Commissioners approved the City of Climax's intergovernmental agreement on Aug. 8. However, the City of Bainbridge's intergovernmental agreement was approved by its City Council, but the signed agreement was not submitted in time for the Commissioners' meeting. Bainbridge's agreement is scheduled to be considered on Aug. 22. Attapulcus does not have an election this year and it could appoint city council members. The Town of Brinson's agreement had been approved.

B. Formulation of mission statement, code of ethics, code of conduct. – Tabled.

Adjournment -- The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.