**Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration**

**Decatur County Elections Office, Courthouse Annex**

**122 W. Water St.**

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**November 9, 2018**

**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 Willie Lamb Jr. at 5:35 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: Staff present:**

Board Chairman Willie Lamb Jr. Carol P. Heard, Chief Elections Official

Board Member Gina Burke Office staff Margaret Bryant and Carla Robinson

Board Member Beverly Holmes Poll workers Suzan Yates, Crissema Bennett,

Board Member Dan Provence Billy Ward, LaShawn Close, Melbah Andrews, Alcania Brown, Patty Napier, Emma Sales, Tracy Moten, Edith Miller, Charles E. Murphy and Tequila Rogers.

**Approve Minutes**

Board Member Beverly Holmes made a motion to accept the minutes from the Sept. 11, 2018, regular meeting. Board Member Gina Burke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Budget**

Chief Elections Official Carol Heard said the ideal remaining percentage is 58. The current percentage remaining is 66 percent, but it doesn’t account for the Nov. 6 General Election. Heard said the Runoff Election on Dec. 4 will impact the budget as well.

**Old Business**

1. **Nov. 6th General Election.**

Chief Elections Official Carol Heard said the staff has processed the 187 provisional ballots, 99 were accepted as the majority were voted out of precinct. Three were voters who attempted to vote without a photo ID, but they didn’t come back to the Elections Office with an acceptable form of photo ID, so those three were rejected. Eighty-seven were rejected because they were either not registered in the county or their registration was cancelled.

CEO Heard highly complimented the poll workers, part-time office staff of Margaret Bryant and Carla Robinson as well as Suzan Yates and Emma Sales working a lot of extra hours to get this election completed without any major issues. Heard thanked them for being flexible, working hard, smart and well together.

Board Member Gina Burke made a motion to certify the election results with the staff’s recommendations on provisional ballots. Board Member Dan Provence seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dec. 4 is the tentative date for a runoff election, which looks like it may be the Secretary of State’s and Public Service Commission contests.

**Adjournment --** The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.