**Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration**

**Decatur County Elections Office, Courthouse Annex**

**122 W. Water St.**

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**January 10, 2023**

**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. All Board members were in attendance.

**Public Participation**: None

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

Board Chairman Keith Sellars Joyce Coddington, Chief Elections Official

Vice Chairman Beverly Holmes Linda Walton, Assistant Chief Elections Official

Board Member Dan Provence Margaret Bryant, Deputy Registrar

Board Member Johnny Brown

Board Member Gina Burke Rebecca Harrell, Emma Sales, Megan Phillips

Patricia Williams, Evelyn Severson, Ebony Christmas

**Vote for Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Chairman Sellars advised all present at the meeting that a vote for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Elections was due. Sellars announced that three members of the Board were sworn in on December 30, 2022 to serve another four years on the Board. Those members were Keith Sellars, Johnny Brown and Gina Burke. Board Member Dan Provence made a motion to keep the Board as it is currently with Sellars serving as Chairman and Beverly Holmes serving as Vice Chairman. Board Member Gina Burke seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Approved Minutes**

Board Member Gina Burke made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 9, 2022 regular meeting. Vice Chairman Beverly Holmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Budget**

Chief Elections Official Joyce Coddington advised the Board that the budget had not been received from the Board of Commissioners office. Coddington also assured the Board that by the next meeting they would have the latest copy of the budget.

**Old Business**

1. **Dominion Warranty**

Coddington presented the Board with an invoice from Dominion concerning warranties on our current equipment. Coddington explained each item on the invoice and their use. The invoice in question was for $15,644.67 for a year of warranty coverage. The Board was concerned with the cost of the warranties and whether or not it was necessary to have a warranty on the Ballot Marking Devices or just replace or repair as needed. The Board asked Coddington to find the current warranty contract to see if the Board of Elections is obligated to continue paying for these warranties and for how long. The Board also asked Coddington to talk to the Dominion representative about cost of the equipment. Coddington agreed to get the information by the next meeting. Member Gina Burke made a motion to table the issue until further information can be obtained and Member Dan Provence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **January 31, 2023 Special Election**

Coddington advised the Board of the current election that was on going and that it was not included in the current budget and therefore the budget for contractor pay would go over the allotted amount. Board Member Provence asked Coddington about the cost of the election. Coddington said that we were cutting cost as much as possible, using less contractors for early voting, deployment and election day.

**Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to adjourn and Member Gina Burke seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.