**Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration**

**Decatur County Elections Office, Courthouse Annex**

**122 W. Water St.**

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**September 12, 2023**

**Call To Order**

**Administrative Notes and Announcements**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Decatur County Board of Elections and Voter Registration was called to order by Chairman Keith Sellars at 6:31 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. Board Member Dan Provence was unable to attend.

**Public Participation**: None

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

Chairman Keith Sellars Joyce Coddington, Election Supervisor

Vice Chairman Beverly Holmes Linda Walton, Asst. Elections Supervisor

Board Member Johnny Brown Margaret Bryant, Deputy Register

Board Member Gina Burke Melbah Andrews, Valerie Bush, Grace Moorhead

Charles Harrell, Becky Harrell

**Approved Minutes**

Vice Chairman Holmes motioned to accept the minutes from the July 11, 2023, regular meeting. Board Member Johnny Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Budget**

Election Supervisor Coddington advised the Board that the final budget was included in the meeting packet as well as by email for the Board to review. Coddington then reviewed the current budget, explaining that we were at 91% remaining of the current budget. Coddington pointed out an item on the detailed budget for $1000 for education and training. Coddington advised the Board that this transaction was not a part of our budget and the issue was addressed with the County Clerk and corrected.

**Old Business**

1. **November 7th, 2023 Precincts Open for Municipal**

Coddington announced which precincts would be open during the November 7th election. She also explained that because it is municipal and the voter turnout is not expected to be as high as the State and Federal elections not as much staff will be required and that will keep the budget for contractors down in order to reserve more for the next year's elections.

Before Adjournment Chairman Sellars addressed the meeting schedule and advised that the Board would return to the monthly schedule due to the upcoming elections. Coddington agreed and the next scheduled meeting is October 10, 2023.

Board Member Burke made a motion and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.