**Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration**

**Decatur County Elections Office, Courthouse Annex**

**122 W. Water St.**

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**November 14, 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 4:34 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 Gina Burke 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 Registrar

Board Member Dan Provence Ethel Wills, Emma Sales, Becky Harrell,

 Penny White, Melbah Andrews, Angela Bryant,

 Zakiya Williams, Patricia Williams, Grace Moorhead,

 Public: Art King, Angelia Smiley (Attapulgus)

 Kevin Bouie, Gail Bouie, Candidate Family Members

**Approved Minutes**

Vice Chairman Holmes motioned to accept the minutes from the October 10, 2023, regular meeting. Board Members Provence and Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Budget**

Supervisor Coddington advised the Board that there was nothing that stood out on the budget other than the current election expenses were not complete and would be on the next budget.

**Old Business**

1. **Minutes posted to the website**

Coddington advised the Board that per the previous meeting, the Board minutes were posted on the website.

**New Business**

1. **November 7, 2023 Municipal Election**

Coddington listed all the Provisional ballots that were approved or rejected by the staff and the reasons for the decisions that were made. Board Member Provence made a motion to go with the staff’s recommendation on the approval of listed Provisionals. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Board Member Provence also made a motion to reject the two Provisionals on the staff’s recommendation to reject. Board Member Brown seconded the motion carried unanimously.

1. **December Meeting**

Coddington reminded the Board of the upcoming Conference in Athens, GA scheduled on the regular meeting date. Coddington asked the Board to decide on moving the date for the meeting or waiting to meet in January. Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to have the meeting in January. Board Member Provence seconded the motion carried unanimously. The Board meeting was moved to January 9, 2024.

The Board discussed the turnout of the November 7, 2023, Municipal Election before signing the certification of the election.

**Public Comment**

Chairman Keith Sellars opened the floor to public comment.

Angelia Smiley (new City Council member Attapulgus) thanked the Board and Staff for their hard work in the Municipal Election.

Art King (newly elected Mayor Attapulgus) also thanked the Board and Staff for their hard work in the Municipal Election.

Chairman Sellars asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Provence made a motion to adjourn and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.