**Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration Decatur County Elections Office, Courthouse Annex 122-W. Water St.**

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**March 11, 2025**

**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 Holmes at 5:02 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.

**Public Participation:**

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

Chairman Beverly Holmes Joyce Coddington, Elections Supervisor

Vice Chairman Dan Provence Linda Walton, Asst. Elections Supervisor

Board Member Johnny Brown Margaret Bryant, Deputy Registrar

Board Member Laura Winburn Melbah Andrews, Patricia Williams,

Board Member Gina Burke Sarah Sapp, Virginia Miller, Edith Miller

**Approved Minutes**

Vice Chairman Provence motioned to accept the meeting minutes from January 14, 2025. Member Brown seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

**Budget**

Coddington advised the Board that there was 49% remaining in the 2024-2025 budget.

**Old Business**

Coddington discussed the Public Service Commissioner election that is scheduled for June 17, 2025.

At Member Winburn’s request, Coddington presented the Board with a few new proposed bills that might have an impact on elections in Decatur County and throughout Georgia. Coddington went over the bills that passed the previous week.

**New Business**

2025-2026 Budget

Coddington presented the Board with the projected fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. Coddington informed the Board of several adjustments made to the new budget, including travel, garbage, and power, to ensure we stay within our budget. According to Coddington, the two conferences that will take place during the next fiscal year—one in August in Savannah and the other in March in Athens—led to an increase in the travel expenditures.

Coddington informed the Board of the dates for the August conference, allowing them to select the Board members to attend.

**Executive Session**

Board members went into executive session at 5:23 pm and lasted 43 minutes, ending at 6:06 pm.

The next meeting was set for May 13, 2025, at 5 pm.

Adjournment: 6:15 pm

Member Brown 1st

Member Burke 2nd

The motion passed unanimously.