

**TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION BOARD MEETING
MARCH 10, 2020**

- I. **Call to Order:** Mrs. Howard called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Present were Marjorie Howard, Pat Allport, Patricia Robinson, Wycene Willis, and Pamela Bulloch. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Southhall from the Peanut Gallery.
- II. **Moment of Reflection:** Mrs. Robinson did our Moment of Reflection.
- III. **Agenda Approval:** Mrs. Robinson made a motion to accept the agenda. Wycene Willis seconded and all approved.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2020 Meeting:** Two changes were made in the February minutes. In section VIII., 4th sentence, should have read process and not proves. In section X, first sentence should have read 2/12/20 and not 2/11/20. These changes have been noted and will be corrected. Mrs. Robinson made a motion to accept the February minutes and Wycene Willis seconded. All voted to approve.

V. **County Elector Reports:**

Deceased

Moved out of County/State

Cancelled Voters/Felons – New Registered Voters

After these reports were presented, a motion was made by Wycene Willis and seconded by Mrs. Robinson to accept these reports. All voted to approve.

VI. **Updates:**

Firefly Buzz/Dynamo

Secretary of State

Procedures and forms

Candidate qualifying

The coronavirus is the main subject at this time. We are to keep voting equipment sanitized. We cannot get additional hand sanitizers right now because the supplies are back ordered. We currently have hand sanitizer on the table for voters to use when they come in to vote. Mrs. Howard wants us to promote that we are doing our best to keep everything as sanitized as possible. We also have disposable gloves that can be used. In a recent conference call, we are urged to promote voting by absentee ballots. Time is running out to be able to get ballots mailed out and returned for the March 24th Presidential Preference Primary. We are to stay informed of all information on the Secretary of State's website on how to keep places clean and sanitized.

Regarding the Election Day Recap Sheets, if we have any questions, we are to call Brianna Thomas at the Secretary of State.

Mrs. Howard had 22 candidates to quality. There is only one qualifying period now. If anyone calls wanting to know who has qualified, we are to refer them to the Secretary of State website. Anyone who qualified as an Independent will only be on the November ballot.

- VII. Site Updates:** Work is still being done on the sheriff's side of the building. A small section of wall will have to be taken down. We will have to be sure that our voting equipment is safe. The Talbotton Fire Department has some flooding issues from all the rain. Ceiling tiles are down and the carpet is soaked. This polling place might have to be moved to another site. Mrs. Howard's recommendation was to use our satellite office. If this has to be done, signs will have to be posted and a notice will have to go in the paper. Mrs. Robinson made a motion to make an emergency change to move the Talbotton polling place from the Talbotton Fire Department to the election satellite office located at 188 Jackson Avenue, Talbotton, Georgia. Pat Allport seconded and all voted yes. Mrs. Howard will e-mail Brianna and get signs made. The Woodland Fire Station and the Junction City Fire Station now have cameras. Geneva City Hall does not have a camera. Mrs. Howard will get with Sheriff Gates to have additional patrols check the Geneva Precinct on election night. Will get voting equipment moved out on Wednesday morning, March 25th.
- VIII. Voting Equipment Update:** Marjorie has requested additional machines for the May election. We do not have enough poll pads. Passwords for poll pads will come next week. We need additional security paper and magnifiers. We are good on toner. L & A Testing was done on the Valley Precinct today. Plan to start on Junction City and Geneva on Wednesday, 3/11/20. Will be getting a Master Electors List and Precinct List.
- IX. Upcoming Events:** Career Day was held at the Central Elementary/High School this morning. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Bulloch notified them yesterday, that due to early voting we needed to be here at our office. The Board of Education has not approved the Community Meet and Mingle, so not sure if this will take place.
- X. Poll Worker Training:** Training is planned for March 12, 13, 17, and 19th. Also bag preparation is planned for 3/19/20. We have to make sure everything needed is in each precinct bag.
- XI. Internal Training:** We are to finish the training report to be given to County Manager, Carol Ison.
- XII. Roundtable discussion:** Mrs. Robinson felt that having qualifying during early voting was not a good idea. Mrs. Trice mentioned using gloves when opening mail. We will continue to keep up with all conference calls because things are constantly changing. Wycene mentioned she was so glad that we all worked together as a team. Mrs. Howard reminded us to take our time and do things right. Mrs. Robinson made a motion to adjourn at 6:19 p.m., Pat Allport seconded and all approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Pamela O. Bulloch

Recording Secretary