

**TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

- A. Call to Order/Moment of Reflection:** Mrs. Howard called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. Present were Marjorie Howard, Patricia Robinson, Wycene Willis, Sharita Trice and Pam Bulloch. Mrs. Robinson said a beautiful prayer.
- B. Agenda Approval:** Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda. Wycene Willis seconded and all approved.
- C. Approval of Minutes from August 17, 2021 Meeting:** After everyone read the minutes from the August meeting, Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve these minutes. Sharita Trice seconded and all approved.
- D. County Elector Reports:** All reports were presented. Wycene Willis made a motion to accept the reports and Pam Bulloch seconded the motion and all approved.
- E. Conference Overview:** Sharita and Pam gave an overview on the conference at Jekyll Island. The county opted to purchase one conference binder to be used for in-house training.
- F. Site/Equipment:** Dominion has new software that they are hoping the Secretary of State's Office will purchase. This software will require all new printers in order to print ballots larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches. On 12/31/21, Dominion's warranty on all our equipment will expire. All counties are required to purchase their own warranties. We are to keep up with anything on The Buzz regarding this warranty. Mrs. Howard sent an e-mail to Ronnie Hendricks on 9/10/21 but has not heard back on the status of our building. She was advised that he is out ill. The county has set a 2022 Capital Improvement Budget of \$950,000.00. This is going towards a new government building that will house the County Commissioner's Office, renovations on the Annex Building to prepare it for Elections, to relocate the Tax Commissioner's office, work on the Sheriff's offices, the Flint Hill recreation facility, and to renovate the Tax Assessors office. Marjorie will talk to Ronnie and Carol and let them know the urgency of getting the elections building finished and getting us moved in.
- G. Training:** We have a training at the Talbot County Library on 9/15/21 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This will be on Redistricting and a continuation on SB 202. We will be able to go into a training website and make some changes with Redistricting. A Voter Registration Drive Training is scheduled for The Links, Inc. Organization. This will be a virtual/zoom on 9/18/21. Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Trice will be doing this.
- H. Current News:** Mrs. Howard reported that Holly Smith with the Ethics Department is leaving to go to work with the Fulton County Elections and Registration Division. Marjorie gave us a listing with the new employees in the Secretary of State's Office. Nick Northern is the new Elections Systems Manager, and Jeff Danovich is the new Training Administrator. Marjorie also told the Board that Chuck Stone is our new liaison.

- I. **Elections Security:** The Department of Justice has created a Task Force to address threats made to election workers. If anyone receives any type of threat, it should be reported to their office.

Mrs. Howard advised the Board that the office emergency plan that she is developing will be based on examples of ones used by other Georgia counties.

Sharita and Mrs. Howard will do weekly site checks on the building on Geneva Highway and on Jackson Avenue. Pam will check her key to the new building to make sure it works.

- J. **Roundtable discussion:** All the board members appreciated the goodies that Sharita and Pam brought to them from the conference. Everyone was urged to be safe. Mrs. Robinson read a letter that she had composed to Mrs. Howard, thanking her for all that she does for us and for her incredible qualities that she brings to this Board of Elections.

- K. **Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss Pam Bulloch made a motion to adjourn. Wycene Willis seconded and all voted to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela O. Bulloch

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Recording Secretary**