



# Floyd County Board of Elections and Registration

May 31, 2022

## Election Center

Meeting

3:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Elections and Registration Board Members Jerry Lee, Cory Townsend, Ralph Davis, Gary Stamper, Pam Peters, Election Supervisor Pete McDonald, County Attorney Virginia Harman

- I. **Welcome** – Chair Lee called the meeting to order.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda** – Lee asked to add three items to the agenda: election of a secretary, approval of the ESPLOST Resolution, and setting June meeting dates. Lee asked for a motion to approve the modified agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Mr. Stamper. All voted to approve.
- IV. **Mr. McDonald presented the Election Supervisor report.** McDonald led off with thanking the voters for coming out, the poll workers, Managers and Assistant Managers for their hard work and long hours. Generally, things went well though two precincts experienced power issues that delayed their opening, but these were soon corrected. A few precincts experienced lines later in the day due to voters waiting to vote. We will be adding BDMs for the general election in November at those precincts. We had 5, 535 in person early voters, 587 absentee voters, and 44 cured provisional ballots, and five that were not cured primarily due to the voters not coming from Floyd County. We had all precinct cards by 10:15 and transmitted all votes by 10:30. There was an issue in transmitting to the Secretary of State's office. The precinct cards are loaded into the server, which is a standalone computer. They are then loaded onto a USB drive which is then transmitted to the Secretary of State's office by encrypted VPN system three times that night. The goal was to be complete by 10:00 PM.  
The evening began by scanning the absentee ballots, and the cards from the early voting scanners. Added to that were the early precinct cards. We had transmitted that first batch by 8:30 PM. We plan to process the absentee ballots early in November to get a bit ahead of the rush. He has reached out to the Exchange and Rotary clubs for volunteers to help with the absentee ballot process.  
Mr. Stamper praised Mr. McDonald for his quick response to fixing the scanners that went down during voting and questioned the status of those machines. Mr. McDonald reported that one had been "cleaned" using a process from Dominion. They will be sending some special clean paper to use on the others.  
Mr. McDonald also reported on a situation going on throughout the state where people outside the state are making requests for voter information and challenging



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all voters in the state. He is receiving about 40-50 of these per hour as are the other counties.

Ms. Harman responded that the requests did not meet Georgia law for specifying a particular voter with a specific reason for the challenge. She has been in contact with the Attorney General's office, the Secretary of State's office and the county attorney's group for guidance. We will comply with the law in handling this matter.

McDonald reported that he will be calling a meeting of the Poll Managers on June 6<sup>th</sup> to review the election for suggestions and improvements.

- V. Election Certification** – There are three documents that need certification: the nonpartisan votes, the Democrat Votes, and the Republican votes. Lee read the certification documents. The question was raised whether the late absentee and provisional ballots were included in the totals. McDonald confirmed they were included. McDonald reviewed the process for absentee ballots confirming we followed the rules and law covering those. A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Townsend to approve the certifications. Motion passed 5-0.
- VI. Approval of Early Voting Location for June 21<sup>st</sup> runoff** – A motion was made by Peters and seconded by Davis to establish only the election Center as the early voting location for June 13 through 17 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Motion passed 5-0.
- VII. Election of Secretary** – Lee requested a nomination for secretary. Peters nominated Stamper to serve in that role. The nomination was seconded by Davis. There were no other nominations. Mr. Stamper was approved 5-0.
- VIII. ESPLOST Resolution** – A resolution certifying the ESPLOST vote for Floyd County Schools and Rome City Schools was presented for approval with yea and nea votes attached indicating both passed. Peters made the motion to approves seconded by Davis. The motion passed 5-0.



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- IX. Setting dates and times for the June Meetings** – Lee stated that the next regular meeting date falls on the runoff election day. He suggested that the Board meet on May 24 to assist with the election at 7:00 AM for the duration. He also recommended that the full meeting for June take place on June 27 at 3:00 to certify the election and conduct other business as required. Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Townsend. Motion passed 5-0.
- Mr. Davis suggested inviting the County Commissioners for a tour of the facility. This would give them an idea of the space requirements and how it is utilized.
- X. Adjourn** – Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.