Floyd County Board of Elections and Registration July 18, 2023



Election Center

Caucus 5:30 PM Meeting 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Elections and Registration Board Members Jerry Lee, Ralph Davis, Corey Townsend, Gary Stamper, Layla Shipman, Assistant Election Supervisor Shirley Mosley, County Attorney Virginia Harman.

I. Welcome

II. Call To Order- Chairman Lee called the meeting to order.

III. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- IV. **Approval of Agenda** – A motion was made to amend the agenda to include moving the regular scheduled Election Board Meeting to September 12, 2023 by Corey Townsend and a 2nd by Gary Stamper. Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Ralph Davis and a 2nd by Gary Stamper. Vote 5-0.
- V. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting – Layla Shipman read into the record corrections from June's minutes. Corrections included a motion to approve the June minutes was made by Corey Townsend and a 2nd was made by **Ralph Davis.** The public hearing dates were listed as July 6 and July 18. The correction should be July 6 and July 13. Gary Stamper made a motion to approve corrected minutes with a 2nd by Corey Townsend. Vote 5-0 to accept corrected minutes. Minutes for July 6, 2023 and July 13, 2023 public hearing were also read into the record. Those minutes reflect that the public hearings were called to order, a quorum was present, and no business was conducted. A motion to approve was made by Layla Shipman and 2nd by Corey Townsend. A vote to approve public hearing minutes was 5-0.
- VI. **Old Business-** Discussions about the precinct project have gone well. All public hearings and presentations to different city and county groups have concluded. We had good comments and suggestions. We can report that we are definitely improving voting at the Fosters Mill precinct by moving to Cedar Creek Baptist Church. The board will vote on August 1, 2023 on all changes to the voter precincts.
- VII. Election Supervisor Report - Assistant Supervisor Shirley Mosley provided the Supervisor's report. She stated that Ms. Trudnak was out of town for a continuing education conference. The voter card clean-up project is still going great. The office is continuing to process new voter registrations and voter registration changes. The office is getting ready to reach out to poll workers by sending out poll worker interest forms.

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- VIII. **County Attorney Report-** Ms. Harman stated she did not have anything new to report in regard to the SEB case from the 2020 investigation. She reminded everyone this is in reference to the 2020 process of using the new electronic voting system in August 2020. Some original poll manager cards did not work. Paper ballots were provided and hours were extended due to long lines. We self-reported the incident and thought the issue was resolved. SEB has placed this on their agenda. Ms. Harman is talking to SEB and is making best efforts to resolve. The County intends on meeting to fulfill requirement to present the referendum for SPLOST. The City and Cave Spring should have their referendum by August 1, 2023 as well.
- IX. New Business- A motion was made by Corey Townsend to change our September 19. 2023 meeting to September 12, 2023. A 2nd was made by Garu Stamper. A vote to change the meeting date was 5-0.
- Х. **Public Participation** – Several people participated in the public participation tonight. Several spoke to topics of paper ballots, trust in the election process, Dominion machines, and election security. Others spoke regarding precinct changes, wait times, and polling locations. A vote was taken regarding a packet of information presented to the board by Cheryl Wall being placed into the record. A motion to not include the information into the record was made by Layla Shipman and a 2nd was made by Ralph Davis. Gary Stamper stated that we were not sure what was included in all of the documents provided and we should take a look at it on our own but not put into the record for that reason. A vote was taken to not include the packet was 5-0.
- XI. Other Business – No other business was before the board.
- XII. Adjourn – Seeing no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Layla Shipman and 2nd by Ralph Davis. A vote of 5-0 to adjourn.