



# Floyd County Board of Elections and Registration

August 1, 2023

## Election Center

Caucus	5:30 PM
Meeting	6:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Elections and Registration Board Members Jerry Lee, Ralph Davis, Corey Townsend, Layla Shipman, Election Supervisor Akyn Trudnak, County Attorneys Virginia Harman and Trey Newton. **Absent:** Gary Stamper

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Call To Order-** Chair Lee called the meeting to order.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** – A motion was made to approve the agenda by Layla Shipman and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Ralph Davis. Vote 4-0
- V. **Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting** – A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ralph Davis and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Corey Townsend. Vote 4-0.
- VI. **Old Business-** Chairman Lee addressed a discussion, from previous meetings, on the cost and savings by eliminating precincts was originally estimated at around \$50,000. After Ms. Trudnak and Chairman Lee took a deeper look into the numbers, it appears the estimated savings will be around \$48,000.
- VII. **Election Supervisor Report** – Ms. Trudnak stated that Shirley Mosley is very knowledgeable and doing great in her role as Assistant Elections Manager. Paper voter card clean-up is still going great. The office is working on revamping poll worker training and hiring. Previous poll workers have received a survey to get updated information. Poll workers will get an opportunity to receive training during early voting. Early voting is great opportunity and is very important for poll workers and managers to learn and troubleshoot leading up to election day. Ms. Trudnak stated she is very confident in our staff but additional practice and troubleshooting makes us even better.
- VIII. **County Attorney Report-** Ms. Harman addressed fluctuating attorney fees. She asked everyone to remember, regarding attorney’s fees, in 2021-2022 Floyd County Board of Elections, either as a direct or indirect party, was involved in pieces of litigation and open records requests. Litigation come from around the country and brings in different counties/3<sup>rd</sup> parties. These take a lot of time with discovery. 2023 has been quieter but we can’t anticipate how active 2024 will be. Ms. Harman also provided the board with a draft of the Resolution and Order of Floyd County Board of Elections and Registration pursuant to OCGA 21-2-262 and a copy of the Notice of



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Call For Special Election of Qualified Voters of Floyd Count to Consider a Special One Percent Sales and Use Tax and the Issuance of General Obligation Debt.

### IX. New Business -

**(A) Precinct Project:** Chairman Lee read the Resolution into the record. (The official resolution will be attached to the record.) Ms. Trudnak read the precinct changes into the record. (The official changes will be attached to the record.) A recommendation to accept the precinct changes as read into the record was made by Corey Townsend. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Layla Shipman. Vote 4-0. The resolution will be signed and a new precinct map will be created. Changes will be sent to the Secretary of State's Office. Mailers to effected voters will be sent out, changes will be published, and signage will be placed at precincts with changes.

**(B) Resolution calling for a referendum on the 2023 SPLOST projects in the Intergovernmental Agreement and any bonds issued to be placed on November 7, 2023 ballot at the request of Rome City Commission, Cave Spring City Council, and Floyd County Commission-** Chairman Lee referred the Board to the Resolution for adding SPLOST to the November 7, 2023 ballot. (Referendum will be attached to the record.) A motion to accept authority to acknowledge the referendum was made by Layla Shipman. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Corey Townsend. Vote 4-0.

X. **Public Participation** - Members of the public spoke during public participation regarding their negative perception of the precinct changes.

XI. **Other Business-** No other business was before the board.

XII. **Adjourn-** Seeing no further business before the Board, a motion by Ralph Davis was made to adjourn. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Layla Shipman. Vote 4-0