Dooly County Board of Elections and Registration

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 27, 2021
402 Hawkinsville Road
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The Regular Meeting of the Dooly County Board of Elections and Registration was called to order on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the Dooly County Economic Development Training Center and Elections Office, at 402 Hawkinsville Road, Vienna, Georgia by Chairman Michael Bowden at 6:00 pm.

A quorum was met. Attendees present were:

- Michael Bowden, Chairman
- Willie Davis, Vice-Chairman
- Betty Bryant, Member
- Gwendolyn Ford, Member
- Wayne Wilkin, Member
- Brenetta Childs, Assistant Secretary/Election Supervisor

Invocation
The invocation commenced with Chairman Michael Bowden leading the Board in prayer followed by The Pledge of Allegiance in unison.

Agenda Adoption
The Board reviewed the agenda. Upon a motion by Betty Bryant and seconded by Gwendolyn Ford to adopt the agenda as presented; the agenda was unanimously adopted and approved.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes for April 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting was reviewed by the Board. Upon a motion by Wayne Wilkin and seconded by Vice-Chairman Willie Davis to approve the minutes as amended for April 22, 2021 the minutes were unanimously adopted and approved as amended.

Budget Report
The Board along with Elections Supervisor Brenetta Childs reviewed and discussed the budget report for April 2021. Upon a motion by Betty Bryant and seconded by Wayne Wilkin, the monthly budget report for April 2021 was unanimously accepted as presented. Chairman Michael Bowden requested to continue to receive the Budget Worksheet supplied by the County Administrator Steve Sanders prior to Election Supervisor Brenetta Childs meeting with the Commissioners for the upcoming budget FY2021-2022.

Senate Bill 202 (SB202)
Elections Supervisor Brenetta Childs reviewed some of the changes due to the Senate Bill 202 with the Board. Election Supervisor Brenetta Childs stated there were several changes and suggested that each Board member review the SB202 bill which could be found online. Election Supervisor Brenetta Childs briefly discussed some of the changes: (1) poll workers are allowed to serve in a county that adjoins the county in which they reside; (2) candidate withdrawal in the event of the death of a candidate whose name is on the ballot (3) drop box requirements being established at the office of the Board of Registrars or inside the location which advance voting is conducted. Drop boxes are to be opened during the hours of advance voting and closed when advance voting is not being conducted; (4) poll watchers will have to complete a training by their political party provided by Secretary of State and (5) provisional ballots for out of precinct voters on Election Day will only be counted if casted between 5:00pm and the closing of the poll.

Evaluation Form
Chairman Michael Bowden presented an evaluation form which the Board had agreed would be used for the evaluation of the Election Supervisor Brenetta Childs and Assistant Supervisor Jessica Fudge. The Board discussed the purpose of the evaluation. After discussion by the Board, a motion by Wayne Wilkin and seconded by Vice Chairman Willie Davis for the forms to be filled out individually and returned to Chairman Michael Bowden was withdrawn. A motion by Wayne Wilkin and second by Gwendolyn Ford was made to have the evaluation conducted on a yearly basis in May of each year using the form presented today. This form is to be filed as presented. Upon a motion by Wayne Wilkin and seconded by Vice Chairman Willie Davis the Board unanimously agreed for the evaluation form to be completed by each Board member individually with one check mark per item and returned at the Board Meeting in June 2021 for discussion. Election Supervisor Brenetta Childs and Assistant Supervisor Jessica Fudge should be prepared for an evaluation.

Paul Prosser
Election Supervisor Brenetta Childs read a letter received from the County Administrator Steve Sanders from Paul Prosser concerning the composition of the Dooly County Election Board. Per County Administrator Steve Sanders and County Attorney William Gregory, the Commissioners have not requested any action from the Board of Elections regarding Mr. Prosser's letter.

FYI _ Chris Harvey, Elections Director Resignation
Election Supervisor Brenetta Childs informed the Board of the resignation of the Secretary of State Election Director, Chris Harvey effective Friday, May 28, 2021.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The next Regular Meeting for the Dooly County Board of Election and Registration will be on Thursday June 24, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Dooly County Economic Development Training Center in Vienna, Georgia.

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Michael Bowden, Chairman - District 2 Willie Davis, Vice-Chairman - District 4

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Wayne Wilkin, Member – District 3 Betty Bryant, Member – District 5

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Gwendolyn Ford, Member – District 1

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Brenetta Childs, Election Supervisor/Assistant Secretary