

Dooly County Board of Elections and Registration

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Regular Meeting Minutes January 6, 2025 402 Hawkinsville RD. Vienna, Georgia 31092

The Dooly County Board of Elections and Registration Board meeting was called to order by Assistant Elections Supervisor Jessica Fudge at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 402 Hawkinsville Road, Vienna, GA.

A quorum was met. Attendees present were:

- Betty Bryant
- Gwendolyn Ford
- Earl Clark
- Wayne Wilkin
- William Gregory, Attorney
- Brenetta Childs, Supervisor
- Jessica Fudge, Secretary

Absent: Alex Jones

Invocation

The invocation commenced with the Earl Clark leading the Board members 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 Wayne Wilkin to adopt the agenda as presented); the agenda was unanimously adopted and approved as presented.

Reorganization

County Attorney William Gregory opened up the floor for nominations of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Board members nominated Betty Bryant to be the Chairperson of the Board; upon a motion made by Gwendolyn Ford and seconded by Wayne Wilkin, the nomination was unanimously accepted Betty Bryant as Chairperson for 2025 by the Board members. The Board members nominated Wayne Wilkin to be the Vice-Chairman of the Board; upon a motion made by Betty Bryant and seconded by Earl Clark, the nomination was unanimously accepted Wayne Wilkin as the Vice Chairman for 2025 by the Board members.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for the December 5, 2024 regular meeting and December 17, 2024 called meeting. Upon a motion by Vice-Chairman Wayne Wilkin and seconded by Gwendolyn Ford to approve the minutes for December 5, 2024 and December 17, 2024, the minutes were unanimously approved and adopted as presented.

Budget Report (December 2024)

Elections Supervisor Brenetta Childs informed the Board members that the budget report for December 2024 has not been received yet. Elections Supervisor Brenetta Childs informed the Board members that she would email a copy of the December budget report to them upon receipt.

Board of Education Call for Special Election-ESPLOST & District 3 Seat

Elections Supervisor Brenetta Childs along with County Attorney William Gregory and the Board members discussed the Board of Education Call for Special Election. Upon a motion made by Earl Clark and seconded by Vice-Chairman Wayne Wilkin to approve the election for ESPLOST for the Board of Education, the motion was unanimously accepted and approved as presented. Elections Supervisor Brenetta Childs along with County Attorney William Gregory and the Board members discussed the Call for Special Election for the Board of Education District 3 seat. Upon a motion made by Vice-Chairman Wayne Wilkin and seconded by Gwendolyn Ford to table the Board of Education Call for Special Election for Board of Education District 3 seat until the next regular meeting; upon a motion made by Earl Clark and seconded by Vice-Chairman Wayne Wilkin to amend the motion the Call for Special Election for Board of Education District 3 seat to be tabled until the next regular meeting unless a call is presented by the Board of Education prior to February 17, 2025, the motion was unanimously accepted and approved as amended.

Approval of the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board members reviewed the Board meeting schedule for 2025. Upon a motion made by Vice-Chairman Wayne Wilkin and seconded by Gwendolyn Ford; to approve the 2025 Board meeting schedule and the time change of 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Board meeting schedule was unanimously approved and accepted as presented.

County Redistricting Update

Elections Supervisor Brenetta Childs along with the Board members and County Attorney William Gregory discussed the County Redistricting update. Upon a motion made by Chairperson Betty Bryant and seconded by Earl Clark to have Elections Supervisor Brenetta Childs contact the Secretary of State in writing, copying the Board, with a request for the Secretary of State office to explain the redistricting discrepancies in Dooly County, how they occurred, what has been done to correct it, who's duty it was to discover it, and what next steps are needed by the Board; the motion was unanimously accepted as approved as presented.

Update Request for Additional Lighting for Parking lot

Elections Supervisor Brenetta Childs along with the Board members briefly discussed the request for additional lighting for the parking lot. Upon a motion made by Wayne Wilkin and seconded by Chairperson Betty Bryant to ask County Commissioners to consider additional lighting for the building; the motion was unanimously accepted and approved as presented.

Update Flooring for Election Office

Elections Supervisor Brenetta Childs updated the Board members about the flooring for the Elections Office.

Warranty for Scanners

Elections Supervisor Brenetta Childs along with the Board members briefly discussed the warranty for the scanners.

Elections for 2025 (Runoff * if applicable)

Elections Supervisor Brenetta Childs informed the Board members of the upcoming elections for 2025. The dates for 2025 Elections are as follow:

- A. Board of Education Special Election: March 18, 2025/April, 15, 2025
- B. Special Primary Public Service Commissioner: June 17, 2025/ July 15, 2025
- C. General/Special Election: November 4, 2025/December 2, 2025

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. at 402 Hawkinsville, Road, Vienna, Georgia.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.