

**MCINTOSH COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION**

**February 6, 2023**

**BOARD MEETING**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** DeCalvin Hughes at 6:00 PM.

**INVOCATION:** DeCalvin Hughes

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Present

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** DeCalvin Hughes - CHAIRMAN, Mary Fly – SECRETARY, Marilyn Lynn – VICE CHAIRMAN, Joseph Washington, and Doll Gale – ELECTION SUPERVISOR. Mr. Hughes recognized that there was a quorum.

**Public Participation:** There were six visitors. Linda Gravitt requested to speak at this meeting. Mrs. Gravitt stated that the available list of Registered Voters in McIntosh County has more than 10,000 names. The census reports that there are just another 100 or so total residents in the county. When you include children under 18 and others in the county that are not registered, the numbers just don't work. They [the Republican Party] have several volunteers willing to research the Voter rolls and have already found a few instances where a listed voter should be removed because they have moved, are deceased or one residence was listed but is actually a vacant lot. The question is how are these people removed when they find these situations?

Mr. Hughes responded that it is the policy of the Board only to accept a written statement from the speaker and answer in writing after being able to investigate the question. However, Mrs. Gale was prepared to answer at this point. She stated that the office is notified in a daily report from the SOS office (the Probate Court reports deaths to the State and we get the information from the State), we check with Vital Records or if a family member reports a death, we check with the funeral home for a date of birth. Any citizen can report another voter as unqualified and request a hearing before this Board. If a voter does not vote in two successive general elections they are put on inactive status and a confirmation letter is sent to their last listed home address. If there is no response, the voter will remain on voter the rolls and then the state will let us know when we can purge the list. Jason Nix also explained that "residency" can mean the permanent place I intend to reside – such as a college student, military, etc.

**Approval of Agenda** – Joseph Washington made the motion to accept the agenda as is and Mary Fly seconded. Motion Approved.

Mr. Hughes asked Mary Fly to read minutes from the December and January meetings. Marilyn Lynn made a motion to accept the December 12, 2022 meeting minutes with the correction of one date. Joseph Washington seconded. Motion Approved. Joseph Washington made a motion to approve the January minutes with a correction by adding the words "made a motion to" in the paragraph discussing the election of Board Members. Marilyn Lynn seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

## **REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Mrs. Gale asked to report at the end of the meeting.

**Chairman:** See New Business.

**New Business: A.** Policy Manual - Mr. Hughes suggested that the Board might develop a Policy manual to go along with the By-laws being updated. Mary Fly asked what the difference in a Policy and Procedure manual would be from the By-laws. Mr. Hughes replied that the Policy manual might state that a single Board member "adopt" a precinct on each election day to oversee it or the policy as to the hiring of poll workers whereas the By-laws would state the structure and function/duties of the Board. He suggested that requirements for attendance by members for meetings and certification requirement might be included. If anyone would like to make written proposals for this manual, we would need to discuss them and vote on them at the following meeting. Jason Nix will research the need of this proposal and discuss it at the March meeting.

**B.** Discussion of By-Law suggestions. We will vote on the proposed By-law suggestions in March as we will have a full Board at that time.

**C.** Discussion of meeting dates. The dates listed at January's meeting still stand through July 10, 2023. We will discuss future dates at the March meeting.

**Supervisor's Report:** We have started using the new GARVIS software as of today with a small number of entries. It will be reviewed tomorrow.

"Handicap" parking spaces will be painted on the pavement nearest the door at the fire stations and a cone with a sign will be provided for other precincts. A couple of the flags are torn and one pole is broken and will be replaced before the next election. Mrs. Doll handed out the schedule for State elections for 2023. We will have only two: June 20, 2023 a special election to fill a vacancy for the City to fill Marcy Goodyear's position. This election will be based on the previous districting lines that Mrs. Goodyear was elected under. There are currently almost three years remaining in her term. The city does their own qualifying in April and the election will be held at the Darien fire station. In the November 7, 2023 there will be races for Mayor and 2 City officials.

Mrs. Doll Gale reported that the Gravis training for the office staff was held on St. Simons Island. It was good training as there were only 30 people there and much more one-on-one training for everyone.

Gavero Training Conference on Jekyll begins February 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Gale received an email from the SOS stating we will use the new cellular poll pads for the city elections with the new printer attachment to the poll pads for AIP/advance voting. This will give printed receipts for our voter records. The County will have to buy 3 new handheld scanners to read the barcodes on the voting "receipts", voter registration cards and the driver's licenses as the scanners from 2019 or before are not compatible. These scanners should automatically enter the information into the records so it should save a lot of steps and paperwork.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** Monday, March 13, 2023 AT 6:00 PM at the office.

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS:**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Mary Fly and seconded by Joseph Washington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:51 PM.**

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**DECALVIN HUGHES, CHAIRMAN**

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**MARY FLY, SECRETARY**