

MCINTOSH COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

June 12, 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, Michael Mock, Joseph Washington, and Doll Gale – ELECTION SUPERVISOR. Attorney Jason Nix was also present. Mr. Hughes recognized that there was a quorum.

Public Participation: None.

Approval of Agenda – Michael Mock made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mary Fly. Motion approved.

Reading of Minutes/Approval

Mary Fly read the minutes of May 8, 2023. Minutes were accepted without corrections.

Unfinished Business

A. Policies recommended for the Policy Manual.

1. Mary Fly read the policies developed at the workshop concerning Public Participation. Marilyn Lynn made a motion to accept and Joseph Washington seconded the motion. Motion approved.

2. Mrs. Fly read the policy concerning processing complaints. Marilyn Lynn made a motion to accept and Joseph Washington seconded the motion. Motion approved.

3. Mrs. Fly read the Policy concerning Certifying an Election. Michael Mock made a motion to accept and Mary Fly seconded the motion. Motion approved.

B. The previously proposed policies approved in March concerning Board Members will be added to those mentioned above and retyped in a format appropriate for the Policy Manual. Michael Mock made the motion to approve these policies; Marilyn Lynn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

C. Voter Education. Mr. Hughes asked if the board felt that voter education is needed or wanted for the citizens of McIntosh. Consulting with our Voter Education

liaison, publishing a brochure, having a survey printed in the newspaper were proposed ideas. After discussion we decided to meet for a workshop on this issue. Marilyn Lynn made the motion to have the workshop meeting on Tuesday, June 20th, during the day as permitted allowing for needed attendance at the election site by each member at different times. We will meet in the conference room at 9:00am. Michael Mock seconded the motion. Motion approved.

D. Ad hoc Committee. There was discussion for the need for us to form an ad hoc committee for the purpose of cleaning up the voter rolls. Mr. Hughes stated that the Voter Registration Office currently has 10,420 citizens registered to vote with only 310 of those (2.975%) being considered questionable. The greatest number of these are the people who are registered but don't vote at all or who only vote in the general election every four years. Deceased voters and voters who have moved in state are routinely removed from daily updates from the SOS office and felons are put on the inactive list until we are notified that their time is served. Those registered that are questionable must be challenged before they can be removed from the voter list. This would include residents who move out of state and don't notify the new state to remove them from GA. The Voter Registration office staff checks every voter ID card on file during the year (3 times so far in 2023). The Board welcomes any challenge to a voter by any citizen who has a valid reason because we want our voter rolls to be as accurate as possible.

New Business:

- A. Review letter from Mr. Mock. Mr. Mock requested to remove this item at this time.
- B. Voter roll research data. There was discussion on this item that will be continued during Tuesday's workshop meeting.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Blake Evans sent out a schedule for the 2024 elections and it was disbursed to the board members. Mrs. Gale reported that there have been only 108 voters (of approximately 860 registered) in the advance voting so far for the South Ward election on June 20th. Advance voting ends this Friday, the 16th. The election will be held at the Darien Fire Station. The Board members will meet on Wednesday, June 21st at 9:00am in the office to certify the results of that election.

Chairman: No Report

Attorney: Nothing new to add.

NEXT BOARD MEETING Monday, July 10, 2023 AT 6:00 PM at the office.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS:

**MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Mary Fly and seconded by Marilyn Lynn.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:29 PM.

DECALVIN HUGHES, CHAIRMAN

MARY FLY, SECRETARY