

MCINTOSH COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
November 14, 2022
BOARD MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: DeCalvin Hughes at 5:59 PM.

INVOCATION: DeCalvin Hughes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Present

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

Public Participation: There were 3 visitors. No visitor requested to speak at this meeting.

Approval of Agenda – The letter from Jason Nix to Alan Gravitt is to be read into the minutes and approval voted on. This item was added to the agenda under New Business, item, "C". Marilyn Lynn made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of this item. Joseph Washington seconded. Approved.

Mr. Hughes asked Mary Fly to read the minutes of October 10, 2022 and the Board to entertain the motion to accept, change or make corrections. Michael Mock asked that his agenda item regarding appointment of poll workers be addressed in the minutes even though it resulted in no decision.

MOTION to Accept October 10th minutes with corrections was made by Joseph Washington and seconded by Mary Fly. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS:

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

Chairman: Mr. Hughes mentioned the receipt of the Notice from 202 prohibiting the dispensing of food/water/gifts from a political entity to voters in line or to anyone within the 150' line from the voting poll building. Michael Mock mentioned that the prohibition of taking pictures and videos within the polling place had been challenged and the court ruled on it. Mrs. Gale stated that they had not ruled on that item as she understands it from the SOS office who holds that is still against the law. Mr. Mock asked for a copy of that response from SOS. The only provision for taking a photo of your ballot is for

legally blind people who have a particular app on their phone so that they can check what they just voted. (The app reads it back to you.) However, that person is supposed to immediately, prior to leaving the polling place, delete it from his phone.

There was a question as to whom we as a Board of Electors work. Mr. Hughes stated we will abide by the SOS guidelines.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

New Business:

- A. Review of any incidents. Mrs. Gale said the only incidents resulted from the Ballot Scanner going down at three of the precincts. She, Mrs. Lynn and the Dominion tech took out Dominion scan discs that had been used in the May elections but cleaned that day, to each of the precincts, exchanged them for the previously installed new discs. They ran zero tapes and each of the previously collected ballots were run through the scanners. Each of the scanners began to operate and did so until after the closing of the polls at 7pm. When ballots were reconciled, the number of ballots, the number on the scanners, poll pads and BMDs matched exactly. Several voters did call asking why their vote did not show up as counted and Mrs. Gale explained that all our data must go to Knowink first then they send out the voter credit data.

Mary Fly asked about the South Newport voter (Mrs. Brown) who had complained about not being able to insert her ballot into the scanner. Mrs. Gale had told her she could be present to see the ballots going through the scanner later in the day, she just didn't know at what time that would be. The voter never called back.

Mr. Gale stated that she had received this date over \$600 in new Dominion scan discs. She was told that the discs purchased from any other vendor would have been corrupted because they did not have malware protection like Dominion discs. Only the Amazon discs at Sapelo precinct continued to work all day but they only scanned 23 votes. (Sapelo had a total of 34 votes cast: 23 on election day, 3 absentee ballots, 8 early votes.) Mrs. Lynn stated that we were not the only counties to experience this problem. Several other counties that bought discs from other vendors than Dominion had exactly the same thing happen.

- B. Not addressed
- C. Mr. Hughes asked Mary Fly to read the attorney's response letter to Mr. Gravitt regarding the appointment of poll workers. That letter is attached and made a

part of these minutes. Motion to approve this letter was made by Michael Mock and seconded by Marilyn Lynn. Motion approved.

At this point we returned our attention back to Report by the Election Supervisor. Mrs. Gale stated that she had contacted both parties to tell them that we will conduct Risk Assessment on Thursday, the 17th, beginning at 9am which must be completed by the 18th. She will have three tables with two counters each. She will have a maximum of three monitors: one from each party and one Board Member.

She also stated that she has proofed the run-off election ballot, sent it off to the printer and should receive them by the end of the week. November 28th is the last date to request a mail-in ballot. Early voting will also begin November 28th and end December 2nd; from 8am to 5pm each day. However, the board decided to have one late day of voting on Thursday, December 1st - until 7pm that evening. Because the Saturday after Thanksgiving (the 26th) is considered a holiday, we are not allowed to conduct early voting on that day, and Saturday, December 3rd is too close a date prior to the election, we will not have a Saturday early voting day at all this cycle. Mrs. Gale will be using the same poll workers in the run-off as in the general election. Everyone agreed that the students were very proficient and did a great job during the entire election. All the students were credited for school that day and they get a grade in their class as well.

Mrs. Gale then stated that the GAVERO conference will be held at Jekyll next year from Feb 12th through 15th. The state will not pay for us to stay there because of our proximity so we will have to commute. She will need to know how many of us will attend in person and how many will attend virtually by the next meeting. The cost is the same. Mr. Hughes and Washington, as well as Mrs. Lynn said they would attend in person. Mr. Mock and Mrs. Fly will let her know soon.

Mrs. Gale will attend GARVIS training January 4, 2023. This was the protocol we started last year but because of the many glitches we had, was postponed until after the mid-term election.

Nov. 8th election returns were taken to the State Patrol today. The election must be certified by the 21st.

Mrs. Gale also stated that 2 poll workers and one office worker have tested positive for Covid.

NEXT BOARD MEETING Monday, December 12, 2022 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 6:50 PM.

DECALVIN HUGHES, CHAIRMAN

MARY FLY, SECRETARY