

**TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
BOARD MEETING
Monday – May 24, 2021**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Robinson, Kimbrough, Taylor, Paulk.

OFFICE STAFF PRESENT: Dollison, Holley

ATTENDEES PRESENT: James Burroughs; Democratic Party

SUPERINTENDENT- Paulk called the meeting to order. (McKee asked Paulk to chair the meeting in her absence).

MINUTES:

Each Board Member read and signed the minutes; Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes; Kimbrough seconded; all of the members agreed and the minutes were approved and accepted.

BUDGET:

The Board was briefed by Dollison on the current budget; We are still over budget. Kimbrough made the motion to accept the budget; seconded by Robinson; all approved, budget accepted.

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Felon List; Holley reported that were 4 cancellations and no challenges.

Fort Orange Press; Kristi Royston, was the Election Supervisor for Gwinnett County, before accepting a position with Fort Orange Press. She discussed print mail services and how the process works. Also, they do Election Day and Emergency ballots. Staff has access to reports where they can tell us exactly where a ballot is at all times. In addition, they have access to secured paper that is required.

After the presentation from Royston the Board asked Dollison to check with the Post Office to see if they scan local Election mail. The Board was pleased with the presentation and stated it seemed like a great system, especially being able to track the ballot.

Drop Box – SB202; The drop box in front of the Admin Building will have to be moved to the location in our office. The rule says it has to be monitored by a law enforcement officer, paid security guard or poll worker. The Board suggested checking with Sheriff's office first. If not, we need to designate a poll worker to monitor the box.

Voting Equipment Distribution; Dollison stated that according to the new rule we need 1 machine per 250 voters in a precinct for a state wide election. Any other election we can use our own judgement.

Sunday Voting; There are two optional Sunday's that we can open. Dollison stated we just wanted it on record of our decision. After much discussion the Board agreed to stay with their original decision not to open on Sunday's.

Poll Workers 21-2-92; Poll workers can work in adjoining counties with approval. Must sign a waiver.

Precinct Changes and Wait Times 21-2-263; We have to enter wait times for each precinct to determine if we need to make adjustments. The wait times need to be entered three times a day; Morning, Midday & Before closing of polls.

Provisional Ballots; Dollison informed the Board that Provisional ballots will only count if the voter votes after 5:00 pm and the time has to be written on the form. Only ballots voted between 5-7 will be reviewed for acceptance.

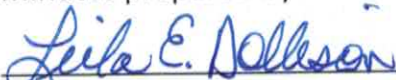
CES Training/Poll Worker Training; The Center for Election Systems will have a training for election officials, still to be determined. Also, Dollison stated we need to look at when we can have poll worker training with the new forms. We must have a training on Provisional voting by itself. We need to be clear on the process before training. Poll workers must understand the forms and the importance of completing them correctly.

GAVERO; Number of attendees has been lifted. Additional hotel information will be sent out soon.

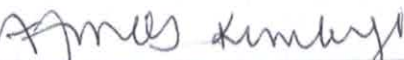
With no further business Taylor made a motion to adjourn; and Kimbrough seconded.

Meeting Adjourned

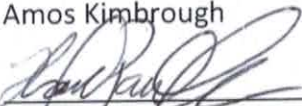
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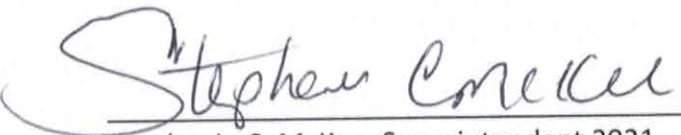
Leila E. Dollison, Election Supervisor



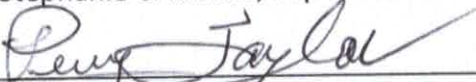
Amos Kimbrough



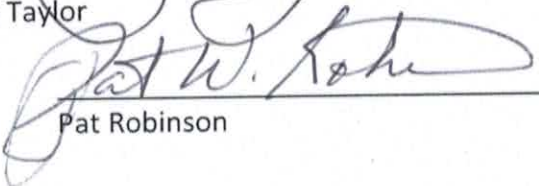
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Stephanie C. McKee, Superintendent 2021



Perry Taylor



Pat Robinson