

**TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
BOARD MEETING
Monday – January 28, 2019**

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

OFFICE STAFF PRESENT: Dollison, Holley

ATTENDEES PRESENT:

SUPERINTENDENT- Robinson called the meeting to order.

MINUTES:

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

In addition, Kimbrough suggested the minutes be read aloud by the Superintendent and then signed by each Board member. Then Paulk made an addendum to the suggestion that the Superintendent appoint someone to read the minutes. Taylor made a motion to accept the reading of the minutes aloud and Kimbrough seconded; all of the members agreed and the minutes being read aloud were approved and accepted.

BUDGET:

The Board was briefed by Dollison on the current budget; Dollison stated that the budget was in good standing. Dollison also informed the Board that the budget process would start soon. Dollison stated that per Diane, Finance Director, the County was no longer paying for major bills with credit cards. They are going back to the PO system. Taylor made the motion to approve the budget; seconded by Paulk; all approved, budget accepted.

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Robinson moved on to the next item on the agenda; Swearing in of the new Superintendent Thad Paulk. Robinson called for the motion to swear in Paulk. Taylor made a motion for Paulk to serve one year as the Superintendent; seconded by Kimbrough, all members agreed and Paulk was approved as Superintendent. Dollison informed the Board that Paulk's reappointment would be up in June. She has prepared the letter already for Judge Reinhardt to sign.

Paulk took charge of the meeting and asked Dollison to discuss the next agenda item; December Election overview. Dollison informed the Board that the Election went well and all of the Election materials were put away and the Clerk of Court has picked up their boxes for all of the Elections for 2018. Dollison stated that there were issues that needed to be discussed from the Election, such as change of address cards, Provisional ballots and personnel issues at the Docia precinct. The Board agreed that the items would be discussed at upcoming trainings.

Paulk moved on to the next agenda item; the appointment of Poll managers. Dollison stated that all poll managers had agreed to serve for the 2019 Election year. Taylor made a motion to appoint the poll managers; Seconded by Robinson; all members agreed and the Poll managers were approved. Paulk suggested that using volunteers from other precincts to assist the Lions Club as a form of training. The Board agreed it was good idea and would explore how it would work.

Dollison informed the Board of the Election dates for 2019: General Election/Special Election is November 5th, Registration deadline is October 7th, and Advanced voting starts on October 15th.

Paulk moved on to next agenda item: Offices up for Re-Election for the City; Mayor- Julie Smith; District 2- Jack Folk; District 4- Frank Sayles. Dollison stated that the qualifying fees have been set and ran in the paper on Friday the 25th. The qualifying fee for Mayor \$288 and Council is \$207. The qualifying will begin 8:30 am August 19th and end at 4:30 pm on August 23rd. Dollison also informed the Board of possible Brunch Bill (package Store) being on the ballot.

Paulk asked Dollison to inform the Board about the Felon list to determine cancelation of voters with Board approval. Holley informed the Board of each list and after much discussion of voters on the list; In addition, Holley asked the Board on approval to include records that might come in after today. Taylor made a motion to cancel voters and possible additional list after this report and Robinson seconded; all members agreed and cancelation was approved.

Dollison discussed the combine conference at the Jekyll Island Convention Center. Hotel reservations are made and conference fees are paid except for McKee.

Dollison informed the Board of open records request for November 6, 2018 Election; The Coalition for Good Governance wanted the SOVC and Official and Complete Summary for November 6, 2018 Election. Jordan-Willkie wanted information about machine failures and restarts in the November Election. We had no machine failures or restarts. Open records request for Chad Alexander PFD and CCCR through County Clerk.

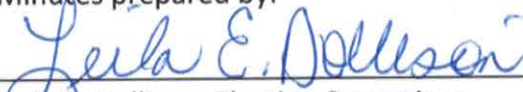
Paulk moved on to the next agenda item; Pay Increase for Poll workers. Dollison stated the poll workers have not received a pay increase in 12 years. Dollison presented the Board with several comparisons from other counties of our size poll worker pay. After much discussion the Board agreed that an increase is needed and to table it for next meeting in order to study it further.

Paulk asked Dollison to discuss the last agenda item; Easy Vote. Dollison asked the Board to revisit Easy Vote for our office. Holley informed the Board of the benefits of having the system from the voters and the Poll workers perspective. Dollison informed the Board that Greg Whiten from Easy Vote would come and demonstrate the system on February 8th and the Board agreed on the meeting for 11:00 am.

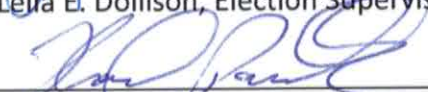
With no further business Taylor made a motion to adjourn; and Kimbrough seconded.

Meeting Adjourned

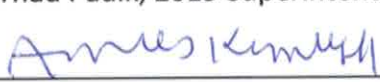
Minutes prepared by:



Leila E. Dollison, Election Supervisor

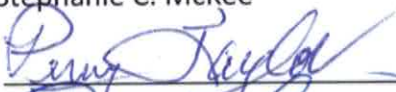


Thad Paulk, 2019 Superintendent

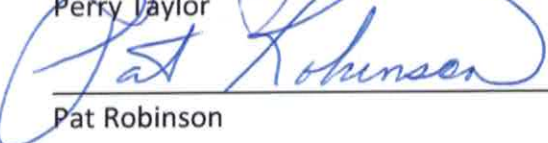


Amos Kimbrough

Stephanie C. McKee



Perry Taylor



Pat Robinson