

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Darryl Hicks, Chairman  
Addison Lester  
Aaron Wright

**FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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**MINUTES**

September 28, 2021  
5:00 p.m.

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Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Elections. Your participation is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Consideration of staff's request to approve the July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes

Mr. Lester moved to make an amendment to the July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 amendment (Change the wording under Public Hearing from "approved the agenda" to "approved as presented")

Mr. Lester moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no Public Comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

There was no Consent Agenda

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as deceased (**Pages 1-10**)
2. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as felons (**Page 11**)

Mr. Wright moved to approve the cancellation of the recommended Vitals & Felon Voters. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0

### OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business

### NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

3. Logic & Accuracy Testing started on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 115 McDonough rd. Fayetteville GA 30214

Mr. Hill stated that Logic & Accuracy started on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and is going good. He also stated that he posted Public Notice to the Legal Organ, SOS, Our Fayette County Elections website & on Facebook.

4. Fire Station (Election Office Renovation) Update.

Mr. Hill updated the Board that the Fire Station 4 process is in the beginning stages of the Bidding phase. Mr. Hill also stated that Ultimate Security will be doing the security for Fire Station 4 (Key Fobs on doors) and that the data ports for internet & the phone system would be in the bidding package.

5. November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, Municipal Election Training Dates & Times **(Page 12-13)**

Mr. Hill stated the Early Voting Poll worker training will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and that Precinct Poll worker training will be on the October 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>.

6. November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, Municipal Election Early Voting Dates & Times **(Page 14)**

Mr. Hill stated that Early Voting starts on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 9 AM

7. SOS Ambassador Program Update **(Pages 15-53)**

Mr. Hill stated that he sent out an email to the Fayette County Board of Education and he only received a response email from Board member Lenard Presburg that he passed this to some principals of some Fayette County High schools. Mr. Hill also stated that the only High school that will be participating in the program will be Fayette County High school.

8. State Reapportionment Meeting Update.

Mr. Hill stated that he hasn't spoken with Senator Harbin's' office concerning the email that was sent out to Senator Harbin & Senator Seay. Mr. Hill stated that he spoke with Senator Seay, and she said that she will endorse the meeting with State Reapportionment, but she hasn't sent the official email saying that she approves the meeting.

### ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Mr. Hicks asked Mr. Stough, How did the SEB meeting go as far as the case that we were on the SEB agenda.

Mr. Stough that they dismissed the case.

Mr. Hicks answered that they dismissed the case with prejudice, meaning that because we let the SEB know that the video surveillance that we had was continuous and that we had to provide that. The SEB thought that we didn't have continuous video recording. They (SEB) suggested that talk more with the complainant concerning the video and that we will meet back up with the SEB concerning this matter.

## **BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

### **Senate Bill 202 Discussion**

Mr. Hicks wanted to discuss this because of the upcoming October 9<sup>th</sup> zoom meeting. Mr. Hicks asked the board; how do we proceed?

Mr. Lester stated that he thought we needed to discuss how this meeting will go.

Mr. Hicks asked Brenda Cox to step up to the podium to let the board know if she had any thoughts on how this meeting was to be conducted.

Mr. Hicks stated that his thought would be if you can give some questions that the people on the zoom would ask before hand and we will answer them, and you could let them know.

Ms. Cox introduced herself as Brenda Cox and she lives in Fayette County GA and that she is a part of the NAACP.

Mr. Hicks stated that Ms. Cox asked the election Board if we would come on a zoom meeting to explain the new changes concerning SB 202. Mr. Hicks stated that the things that they wanted to know was about Provisional, Absentee by Mail, ABM Drop boxes.

Ms. Cox stated that another thing that she wanted to talk about was thing about giving out water & food to voters that were in line, whether who ever was giving the water & food out had to be 150 feet away to do so.

Mr. Hicks stated that we talked about this, Senate Bill stats that no passing out of water or food inside of 150 feet can not be given out to voters. Mr. Hicks stated that the County can give out water, but it will have to be a standalone dispensary.

Ms. Cox stated that the Fayette Chamber wanted to know how a voter would fill out the ABM application. Ms. Cox asked Mr. Hicks could he include that topic in the line of questions as well?

Mr. Hicks responded to Ms. Cox, "Yes ma'am"

Mr. Hick asked if the board anything else they wanted to discuss about this.

Mr. Wright asked if they would be opening the floor questions? To the public or attendees.

Ms. Cox stated that they will open it up to the chat room on zoom.

Mr. Wright asked Ms. Cox did she know what the size of the (how many people) would be a part of the zoom call?

Ms. Cox answered that they anticipate on it being a lot of attendees because they have been promoting this event through a flyer (Ms. Cox said that she will supply) and that the flyer is on Facebook. Ms. Cox stated that she is hoping that it will be at least 25 people on the zoom call.

Mr. Hicks stated that he will email Ms. Cox the answered questions.

### **Absentee By Mail Drop Box Discussion**

Mr. Wright stated that this is the concern about when we were at the GAVREO Elections Conference in August at Jekyll Island Georgia. As far as, whether if it was okay to lend, sale or give away our Drop Boxes. Mr. Wright stated that there was a question brought up at the conference asking because of the new law with SB 202 requiring Counties to have ABM Drop Boxes, would it be okay for counties that had extra ABM Drop Boxes to lend, sale or give away their Drop Boxes. Mr. Wright stated that the SOS election

Director & General Council said that they promote Counties with extra Drop Boxes that were initially given by grant finances, it would be great for Counties to give them to Counties in need as to oppose for the extra Drop Boxes to be somewhere not being used.

Mr. Wright stated, given that Fayette County has three other Drop Boxes that aren't in use, Mr. Wright's thoughts was that Fayette County elections could keep one reserved Drop Box and lend, sale or give away the other two Drop Boxes to a county that is in need.

Mr. Wright stated that essentially it came down to us as the Election Board deciding if wanted to lend, sale or give away the extra ABM Drop Boxes to a County in need. Afterwards, asking the Fayette County Board of Commissioners for permission to do so, since the Drop Boxes were County property. Then asking the SOS office who was still in need of the ABM Drop Boxes. Then deciding with the County in need of the Drop Boxes, whether we sell, lend, or donation away the Drop Boxes.

Mr. Hicks asked Mr. Stough a question that does this violate the gratuity law?

Mr. Stough answered saying" No, but there are rules regarding the disposal of county property. Generally, it doesn't cover transfer of County property to another County. Gratuity is cover whether your giving money or property to a private citizen or private organization.

Mr. Stough stated that we will have to get the Board of Commissioners to declare the ABM Drop Boxes as disposal property to begin the disposal process, to give away, sale or lend the ABM Drop Boxes to another County.

Mr. Wright asked Mr. Stough if there was a most efficient way to get the ABM Drop Boxes to another County? Would you recommend Sale? Lend? Or give as a Donation? What were your thoughts?

Mr. Stough answered that the question would be would we potentially need these ABM Drop Boxes in the future because of emergency. Mr. Stough stated that the law could change where we need these ABM Drop Boxes again. He said we really don't know what could happen in the future. Mr. Stough added as far as lending the Drop Boxes to another County, I don't know what the time frame for these Counties that are in need to have these Drop Boxes?

Mr. Wright stated that he would like to get the County Commissioners input on this matter.

Mr. Stough stated to the Election Board that the next County Commissioner meeting is on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October.

Mr. Hicks stated that he doesn't have a problem with loaning two ABM Drop Boxes out, but he didn't want to sale them, because if a law changes and we need the Drop Boxes again, we would have to pay \$2500 dollars a Drop Box again. Mr. Hicks that it is not about the money, his concern was having the Drop Boxes when we need them. Mr. Hicks stated if we knew that the law concerning ABM Drop Boxes weren't going change again, then sure lets sale them but because we don't know that the law is going to change them, I would be more inclined to loan the two Drop Boxes out to another County.

Mr. Stough stated that the County administrator is looking for a vote from the Election Board.

Mr. Wright motioned that the County Commissioners take up the matter to declare two of our ABM Drop Boxes as surplus or disposable property. So, we can loan the two Drop Boxes to another County. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There is not Executive Session

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Hicks moved to adjourn the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Board of Elections Meeting. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Board meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM

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Brian W. Hill, Director

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Darryl Hicks, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Elections of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 28th day of September 2021. Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.