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**September 21, 2021 1:00 pm**

**Henry County Board of Elections Special Call Meeting**

**The Henry County Board of Elections Called a special meeting on September 22, 2021 at 1:00 pm. All interested parties were sent invitations to attend the meeting VIA ZOOM. Board of Elections Board Members present were Chair Donna Crumbley, Vice Chair Mildred Schmelz, Board Members Andy Callaway, Deidrea Collins, Omega Finney. Also in attendance was Director Ameika Pitts, Staff Jan Mayo and County Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter.**

**I Called to order by Chair Donna Crumbley**

**II Agenda was approved**

**III Challenge**

**County attorney Patrick Jaugstetter, represented the Board of Elections in this meeting. He conducted the meeting, presented the documents, asked questions and gave instructions.**

**The meeting was called to review documentation regarding the living address of a candidate running for the city of McDonough District at Large. Ms. Vanessa Thomas filed the challenge and presented documentation. The first was Arlene Persaud. She lives in the Flippen area but not inside the city limits of McDonough. After reviewing the documents, it was decided that Ms. Persaud does not qualify to run in the city of McDonough elections on November 2, 2021.**

**Vice Chair Mildred Schmelz brought a motion to have Ms. Persaud's name removed from the November 2, 2021 ballot. Board Member Omega Finney seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Ms. Persaud was advised that she will have ten days from September 21, 2021 to file an appeal of this decision.**

The second challenge was for Darryl Payton. Ms. Thomas stated that she could not find his name on the Secretary of State voters list. Elections Director Ameika Pitts reviewed the list and was able to find a voter named Isaac D. Payton living at the same address as well as having the same birthday as Darryl Payton. He verified that his name is Isaac D. Payton and that he is this person. He has a voting history at that same address and has lived at the same address for several years. This makes him eligible to run for a seat in the City of McDonough November 2, 2021 election.

Chair Crumbley called for a motion to leave Darryl Payton's name off the ballot. Vice Chair Mildred Schmelz made the motion with Board Member Omega Finney seconding that motion. A vote was taken and passed with all members voting yes.

**IV** A request was made to move the Wesley Lakes precinct from Griffin First Assembly church to Wesley Lakes Elementary school for the November 2, 2021 election. We will be looking for a permanent location for the Wesley Lakes precinct for the 2022 elections.

Board Member Andy Callaway made the motion to accept this move and Vice Chair Mildred Schmelz seconded it with all board members voting yes.

Board Member Callaway motioned to close the meeting with Vice Chair Schmelz seconding the motion. All members voted to adjourn.