

State of Georgia

County of Henry

The Henry County Board of Elections and Registration held a Regular Public Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, held on Zoom. Notice of this meeting was posted in the entrance foyer of the Elections and Registration Building and on the County website. The Daily Herald was notified of this meeting. Those present were:

Donna McBride, Chair and Democratic Party Appointee

Andy Callaway, Vice Chair and Republican Party Appointee

Arch Brown, Board of Commissioners Appointee (Audio only)

Donna Crumbley, Republican Party Appointee

Mildred Schmelz, Democratic Party Appointee

Also in attendance: Director Ameika Pitts, Terrika Davis, and Brook Schreiner.

I. Call to Order

Chair McBride called the meeting to order.

II. Acceptance of the Agenda

Board Member Schmelz made the motion to accept the agenda with the following revisions: add under 'New Business', 'Declaration of intent by the Henry County Republican Party', and under 'Approval of Minute', 'Approval of Special Call Meeting Minutes- 11/19/2020' and 'Executive Session for 11/19/2020', under 'Old Business', 'CTCL Grant'; Vice Chair Callaway seconded. The motioned carried 5-0-0.

III. Acceptance of the November Minutes

- A. Vice Chair Callaway motioned to accept the minutes from November 11, 2020; Board Member Crumbley seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- B. Board Member Schmelz motioned to accept the Executive Session from November 11, 2020; Vice Chair Callaway seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- C. Board Member Crumbley made the motion to accept the Special Call meeting minutes from November 19, 2020; Vice Chair Callaway seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

IV. Old Business

- A. Director Pitts stated that the State said that they had ballot boxes available and that the office would be getting two. She continued stating that the office had ordered one and that should be arriving between December 10-15, 2020. Chair McBride asked if one additional box could be ordered so there may be a box in each district. Director Pitts said okay. The Board discussed further.
- B. Director Pitts stated that she had sent out a list to the Board Members to review regarding the grant, of the different things that the grant may go towards. She continued stating that the grant had to be spent by December 31, 2020 and that she had to have a report by January 31, 2021 regarding what the grant went towards. Board Member Schmelz stated that the Board had requested a breakdown of how the money was being spent and what it was being spent on. Director Pitts stated that if time permits, then she would get that list out to the Board Members. Board Member Crumbley said that she has concerns about the grant, and to clear it with the County Attorney again to make sure it is legal to receive the funding. Director Pitts stated that she recently spoke with the Attorney and he had no red flags about the grant. The Board discussed further. Board Member Schmelz stated that the money from the grant is for the voters of Henry County.

V. Director Report

- A. Director Pitts stated that there was no significant difference in the numbers during the recount, and that the office was able to certify the election.
- B. Director Pitts stated that she sent the layout of the new building to the Board Members. She stated that she is waiting to have a meeting with Hutch and Chris. Chair McBride asked if she could let the Board Members know when the meeting is, since the Board did stress interest in the design of the building.

VI. New Business

- A. Chair McBride recognized a former Board Member/ former Chair of the Board of Elections, Dan Richardson. She stated that he served on the Board for two years. The Board presented a Plaque of Appreciation as well as a certificate. The Board Members thanked him for his service.
- B. Chair McBride spoke of the 2021 Board meeting dates that was sent to each Board Member. Vice Chair Callaway motioned to accept the 2021 Board Meeting schedule; Board Member Brown seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- C. Chair McBride stated that the January meeting had to be delayed a week later due the January 5, 2021 election.
- D. Vice Chair Callaway stated that he received a Declaration of Intent from the Henry County Republican Party stating that the intend to have monitors for the signature comparison and the opening of the absentee ballots, and request a date for when the process will begin. Chair McBride said to Director Pitts to get approval from the Secretary of State about that process before making any commitments. Board Member Schmelz added to consult with the County Attorney.

VII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VIII. Board Member Comments

The Board members made their comments.

IX. Announcement of next meeting

Chair McBride announced that the next meeting will be January 13, 2021.

X. Adjournment

Vice Chair Callaway made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Crumbley seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.