

State of Georgia

County of Henry

The Henry County Board of Elections and Registration held a Special Public Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2021, 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, Brook Schreiner, and Patrick Jaugstetter.

I. Call to Order

Chair McBride called the meeting to order.

II. Acceptance of the Agenda

Board Member Crumbley made the motion to accept the agenda with the following revisions: add discussion of the CTCL Grant after 'III. Early Voting', and Executive Session after 'Public Comments'; Vice Chair Callaway seconded. The motioned carried 4-1-0, with Board Member Schmelz opposing.

III. Early Voting

Director Pitts stated that there was 62,131 advanced in person voting.

IV. CTCL Grant

Board Member Crumbley stated that she wanted a breakdown of the expenditures that the grant money was used for. Director Pitts stated that report is not due until January 31, 2021, and stated by the next Board, she will have the report.

V. Challenged Votes

- A. Chair McBride stated she sent a letter to each Board Member from a Vikki Consiglio in regards to some Challenged Voters. Mr. Jaugstetter presented a slide show to the Board of the new Voter Challenges in regards to 36 electors. Mr. Jaugstetter presented 2 challenges in the slideshow: 1) these electors have temporarily moved to Georgia, 2) these electors appear to have voted in their previous states' November 3, 2020, and are not permitted to vote in the current election. He stated that the Challenges are brought under the ground of O.C.G.A §21-2-230(a), which permits an elector of a county to challenge the right of another elector in the county. A challenge must be in writing and specify distinctly the grounds of the challenge. He continued stating that there is a timeliness issue since a challenge must be made before the said elector(s) cast their ballot. If the said elector(s) are amongst those of whom advanced voted, then the challenge cannot be considered. Mr. Jaugstetter said that the Board must first determine if this challenge is timely, and if they believe it is, then they must make a determination as to whether probable cause exists. Vice Chair Callaway asked where the spreadsheet of the 36 electors generated from in the slideshow. Mr. Jaugstetter said he did not know. They discussed further. Chair McBride made the motion to dismiss charges for Challenge 1 because the Board doesn't have sufficient evidence nor did the challenger provide any facts to indicate that the voters presented in the challenge will not be residence of Henry County beyond election day; Board Member Schmelz seconded. The motion carried 3-2-0' with Vice Chair Callaway and Board Member Crumbley opposing. Chair made the motion to dismiss Challenge 2 because the challenge provided no facts that the voters have voted in another state; Board Member Schmelz seconded. The motion carried 3-2-0, with Vice Chair Callaway and Board Member Crumbley opposing.

VI. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VII. Board Member Comments

The Board members made their comments.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair McBride adjourned the meeting.