

State of Georgia

County of Henry

The Henry County Board of Elections and Registration held a Regular Public Meeting via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. 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

Donna Crumbley, Republican Party Appointee

Mildred Schmelz, Democratic Party Appointee

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

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. Vice Chair Callaway seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

III. Acceptance of the Board Minutes

- A. Vice Chair Callaway made the motion to accept the May 5, 2021 minutes. Board Member Crumbley seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

IV. Director Report

- A. Director Pitts updated the board on the status of the Commission District 3 Election. She stated that 910 voters have voted in person, and 69 Absentee Ballots were issued and 10 Absentee Ballots have been returned to the office and accepted.

Director Pitts told the Board that there are three Board Member terms ending, which are as follows: Chair McBride, Board Member Brown, and Board Member Crumbley. Director Pitts stated that she had spoken with both the Democrat and Republican parties and made them aware that their terms were ending and needed to be filled. She continued stating that Attorney Jaugstetter recently spoke with the Board of Commissioners about Board Member Brown's term and that his position needed to be filled.

- B. Director Pitts asked if Vice Chair Callaway received the information about the double voters that Secretary of State requested. Vice Chair Callaway said yes.

V. Old Business

- A. Chair McBride asked for an update on the new facility. Director Pitts explained to the Board that she recently spoke with Chris Matthews and Hutch Purvis on the progression of the new facility. She stated that the contractor bids were out of the budget range and that the County is using their own engineers and taking over the project. Director Pitts stated that the construction would take eight months to one year. Chair McBride said that she was pleased to hear this and happy that the construction is still moving forward.

VI. New Business

- A. Chair McBride spoke of the Board Member's positions and how each Member has a chance at being Chair and Vice Chair to keep it fair. Chair McBride stated that she would like to nominate Vice Chair Callaway as the next Chair. Vice Chair Callaway thanked Chair McBride for the nomination, but politely declined the offer and stated that he would like to resign as Vice Chair this day, June 2, 2021 due to health issues, but would continue to serve on the Board. Chair McBride stated that she would still like to nominate Vice Chair Callaway as the next Chair and that if for any reason

the Chair is away, then the Vice Chair will step in as acting Chair. The Board Members discussed further. Vice Chair Callaway wanted a reading of the bylaws on the matter. Board Member Schmelz read the following sections: 6.1, 6.2, and 10.1. Vice Chair Callaway stated that he would like to nominate Board Member Schmelz as the next Chair. Board Member Schmelz stated that she had concerns with a Democrat serving the Chair position consecutively. Vice Chair Callaway then nominated Board Member Crumbley as Chair. Board Member Schmelz stated from the bylaws that to be elected Chairman of the Board, a Board Member must serve one year on the Board. Chair McBride stated that the Board would need Board Member Crumbley's official 'Sworn In' date to determine how long she has served on the Board thus far. Director Pitts stated that Board Member Crumbley was officially sworn in and went under oath on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 2:00 PM. The Board discussed further and decided to wait until the July 7, 2021 meeting to take further action on the matter. Board Member Schmelz made the motion to hold off on making any decision until the July 7, 2021 meeting. Vice Chair Callaway seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

VII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VIII. Board Comments

The Board Members made their comments.

IX. Announcement of Next Meeting- July 7, 2021

Chair McBride announced that the next meeting will be July 7, 2021.

X. Adjournment

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