

Catoosa County Board of Elections and Voter Registration
October 11, 2022 Minutes

The Catoosa County Board of Elections and Registration met on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 4 pm at the Freedom Center. Rickey Kittle called the meeting to order. Ron Mckelvy opened the meeting with prayer. Nina Crawford called roll. Nina Crawford attended by phone. Tonya Moore and Rebekah Cason were also present.

Approval of the Agenda – Howard Long made a motion to approve the agenda. Ron Mckelvy made the second. All approved.

Approval of the Minutes –

Howard Long made a motion to approve the August 9, 2022, minutes. Debbie Gwaltney seconded the motion. All approved.

Howard Long made a motion to approve the September 13, 2022, minutes. Debbie Gwaltney seconded the motion. All approved

Old Business

- City of Ringgold – A new Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) has been sent to the City of Ringgold. This agreement reflects increased election costs resulting from the implementation of GA SB202.
- City of Fort Oglethorpe –
 - A new Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) has been sent to the City of Ft. Oglethorpe. This agreement reflects increased election costs resulting from the implementation of GA SB202.
 - Another request has been sent to the City of Ft. Oglethorpe to place security alarms on the City Hall portion of the Ft. Oglethorpe precinct building. The precinct portion of the building is alarmed.
- Upcoming Election Dates –
 - Upcoming events were discussed. Elections notifications have been sent to the *Catoosa County News* for publication and have been posted on the Catoosa County Elections website.
 - Advance In-Person poll worker training is complete. Election Day poll worker training has been scheduled. Nina Crawford is working with Poll Managers to coordinate staffing needs.
 - Advance In-Person voting will take place at the Ringgold and Westside precincts. Scanners will be emptied, and ballots counted each Wednesday and Friday during the early voting period at both early voting precincts, beginning at 5 p.m.
 - Absentee By Mail ballots mailings began October 11 and other ballots are being sent as requests are received. Rollover ballot requests and UOCAVA ballots have been mailed.
 - Absentee By Mail ballots for Weeks One and Two will be opened and counted on Friday, November 4, 2022 at the Ringgold Precinct, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
 - Early voting reports will be posted on the Catoosa County Elections website.
- Poll Worker Open Houses – These events took place as scheduled.
- Region Meeting – Pickens County hosted a Region Meeting on September 15, 2022. Catoosa County will host the next Region Meeting on December 15, 2022.
- November 8, 2022 General Election –
 - All board members will be on-call on Election Day; Rickey Kittle will be in Fulton County.
 - Absentee by Mail ballots not counted on November 4, 2022, will be counted at the Ringgold Precinct, beginning at 5 p.m. on Election Day and will continue until complete. Poll workers involved in this count will be sequestered until the polls have closed. Election Day scanner ballots will be counted during consolidation.
 - Election Night Check-In will begin after 7 p.m. at the Ringgold Precinct and will continue until complete.
 - Absentee By Mail and Advance In-Person results will be sent to the Secretary of State beginning at 7 p.m. Election Night results will be sent to the Secretary of State as they are received. Catoosa County will be invited to place a stringer at the Ringgold Precinct to convey these results to the Catoosa County Commission, after they have been uploaded to the Secretary of State.
 - The Regular Meeting of the Catoosa County Board of Elections has been moved to November 14, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Freedom Center. Certification of the election will begin at 5 p.m.
 - The risk limiting audit of the November 8, 2022 General Election will begin November 17, 2022 at 9 a.m. at the Freedom Center.
- GAVERO Conference – The GAVERO Conference will be held February 12-15, 2023, in Jekyll Island, GA. Tonya Moore, Shaynee McClure, Amy Evans, Nina Crawford, and Rickey Kittle are scheduled to attend this conference.
- Elections Department Staff and Board of Elections members attended the October 3, 2022, Republican Party Meeting to discuss upcoming election information and answer election-related questions.

New Business

- P&L Statement – The August 2022 statement was discussed. The 2023 Budget was approved by the Catoosa County Commission and the 2023 Fiscal Year began on October 1, 2022.

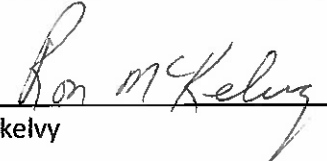
- Misc. Topics/Discussion – Nina Crawford moved to approve the Catoosa County Board of Elections Mission Statement as presented. Howard Long seconded. The motion passed. A copy of this statement will be posted in every precinct.
- No hearing
- Next Meeting – November 14, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Freedom Center.
- Public Comment – Joanna Hildreth of the Catoosa County Republican Party addressed the Board regarding continuing election concerns. They have requested that a full hand count of one race in one Catoosa County precinct be conducted, in addition to the risk limiting audit required by the law.

Adjournment

Ron Mckelvy made a motion to adjourn. Nina Crawford made the second. All approved and the meeting adjourned.



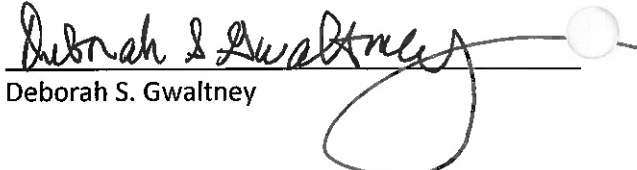
Rickey Kittle, Chairman




Ron Mckelvy



Howard Long, Vice-Chairman



Deborah S. Gwaltney



Nina Crawford, Secretary