

Catoosa County Board of Elections and Registration
July 9, 2024 Minutes

Call to Order

The Catoosa County Board of Elections and Registration met on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 4:00 PM at the Freedom Center. Nina Crawford called the meeting to order and Marvin Cornelison opened with prayer and pledge. Jennifer Motter called roll. Marvin Cornelison, Tommy Davis, Nina Crawford, and Jennifer Motter were present. Ron Mckelvy was present by phone.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Marvin Cornelison
Second: Ron Mckelvy
All approved

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting/Executive Session and June 24, 2024 Certification Meeting: Jennifer Motter
Second: Tommy Davis
All approved

Old Business

- City of Ringgold-nothing to report
- City of Fort Oglethorpe-nothing to report
- June 18 General Primary Run-off complete
- Discussion: [Marvin Cornelison](#) brought up election day staffing and made a motion to turn over all election day staffing and poll worker scheduling to Tonya and the elections office staff to handle from now on.
 - Second: Jennifer Motter
 - Motion carried with a 3/2 vote.
- GP Run-off Risk Limiting Audit complete
- 2025 Budget- no new information

New Business

- P&L Statement (May) currently over budget, but it will levelize in July/August
- Hosting a Legislative Meeting- Sept 5th at the Colonnade, time TBD
- Misc. Topics
 - Nina Crawford: email regarding the July 18 Legislative policy meeting
 - Ideas and recommendations for the upcoming 2025 Legislative session
 - Length of early voting needs to be shortened to 1-2 weeks
 - Runoffs-most votes wins (however unlikely)
- No Hearing
- The next regular meeting will be August 13, 2024, 4:00 pm at the Freedom Center

Public Comments

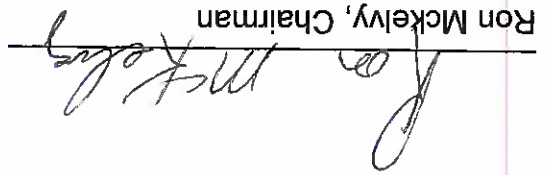
- Mary Beth Bugea
 - Thanks to Marvin for his motion
 - Applied to be a poll worker but not hired
 - Amended 8.13.2024—it was discussed later in the 7.9.2024 meeting that Ms. Bugea did not attend the required orientation for poll workers and was therefore ineligible for hire.
 - Recommends watching the State Election Board Meeting
 - VoterGa.org "Georgia cloud based voter system falls again"
- Jim Coles
 - Thanks for the motion regarding staffing
 - Too much early voting
 - Consider paper ballots for 2024, instead of the BMD
 - Count at precinct level
 - Jim is a poll watcher at Woodstation and commends Rebekah's sister on a job well done as poll manager there.
 - Also recommends watching the State Election Board meeting, of note, hand counting ballots

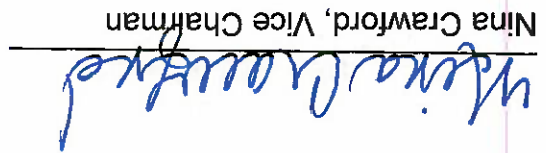
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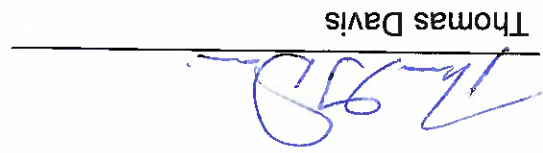
- Motion to move to Executive Session: Ron Mckelvy
- Second: Marvin Cornelson
- A separate set of minutes was kept for this session.

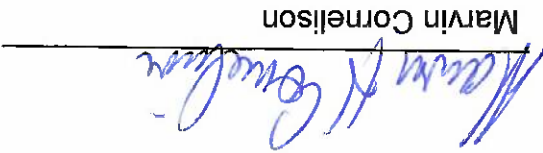
Adjournment

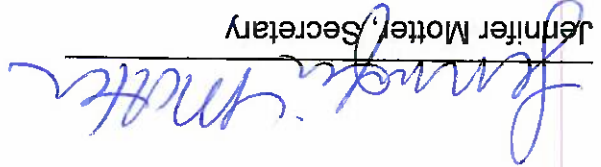
Motion to adjourn: Marvin Cornelson
Second: Tommy Davis
All approved


Ron Mckelvy, Chairman


Nina Crawford, Vice Chairman


Thomas Davis


Marvin Cornelson


Jennifer Motter, Secretary