

Call to Order
August, 13 2024 Minutes

The Catoosa County Board of Elections and Registration met on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 4:00 PM at the Freedom Center. Ron Mckelvy called the meeting to order and Jennifer Motter opened with prayer and pledge. Jennifer Motter called roll. Ron Mckelvy, Nina Crawford, Jennifer Motter, Tommy Davis, and Marvin Cornelson were all present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Jennifer Motter
Second: Marvin Cornelson
All approved

Approval of Minutes

Motion to amend and then approve the minutes from the July 9, 2024 Regular Meeting/Executive Session: Marvin Cornelson
Second: Tommy Davis
All approved

Public Comments

- Christine Lawson–The SEB has decided its future meetings will be conducted virtually for security. She has only seen peaceful gatherings; no need for that here.
- Melinda Crawley–here at the request of Mary Beth Bugea. Did you get Ms. Bugea's email and watch the link?
 - Commented on SEB proposals that have been accepted and ones that are still outstanding.
 - Machines can be manipulated/ Dominion is not reliable.
 - What can we do here?
 - Paper poll pad
 - Start asking for the money needed to print paper ballots.
- Taylor Lanford
 - Catoosa County elections sets the bar, good leaders and staff

- P&L Statement (June)
 - At 82%, should be at 75%
 - July, Aug, Sept less spending, still expect to come in under budget
- Upcoming Calendar of Events
 - Poll managers have already met
 - Rebekah has been handling staff scheduling
 - Rosewood Registration Drive 8/20 at 9 am and Pruitt Health Registration Drive 8/22 at 10am. Elections office staff will oversee these drives.
 - Ringgold HS Registration Drive 8/27 at 10:45 am. Tommy and Nina will be in attendance.
 - Sept., Oct., Nov., discussed but no scheduling assignments will be made until the 9/10 meeting.

New Business

- City of Ringgold-nothing to report
- City of Fort Oglethorpe-nothing to report
- BOE hosting a Legislative Meeting
 - Sept. 5, 2024, 10 am
 - At the Colonnade
 - Mitchell Horner will attend, other counties are reaching out to their legislators with invitations to the event.
- 2025 Budget-down from last year's requested; possible public service commission election to account for

Old Business

- Jim Coles
 - Add a Sunday and a few more extended hours days to the advanced voting schedule? Because the highest voter turnout is in everyone's best interest.
 - Amicus Brief filed with the GA Supreme Court. 21-2-285
 - BMD does not count/tabulate what's printed on the ballot, only what's in the QR code. QR are NON authorized codes and should be considered spoiled ballots according to GA law.
 - Consider going to all paper, hand counted at precinct level.
 - The Governor of VA did away with electronic voting and went to all paper.

- SEB Rules
 - Tonya read and provided handouts for 183-1-12-.12 and 183-1-14-.02
 - In addition to these 2 changes there are 9 more proposals
 - Tonya will forward the link to the SEB meeting
- Misc. Topics
 - Student Poll workers-none currently needed, but Nina will contact Superintendent Nix in case the need should arise.
 - Add additional extended hours to advance voting as suggested by Taylor Lankford.
 - Motion to add two additional hours on 10/24: Nina Crawford
 - Second: Tommy Davis
 - All Approved
 - Poll worker breakfast appreciation TBD
 - Poll Worker Election day shirts-Nina will get info and prices. Will revisit at a special called meeting 9/5 at 9:30am at the Colonnade.
 - BOE shirts-see Tonya if over budget
- The next regular meeting will be Sept. 10, 2024, 4:00 pm at the Freedom Center. There will be a special called meeting Sept.5, 2024 at 9:30am at the Colonnade ahead of the Legislative Meeting at 10am.

Executive Session

Motion to Move to Executive Session: Jennifer Motter
 Second: Tommy Davis

All approved

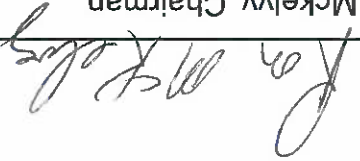
- A separate set of minutes was kept for this session.

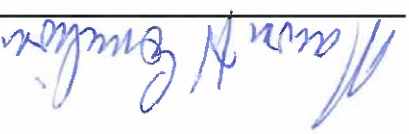
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Marvin Cornelison

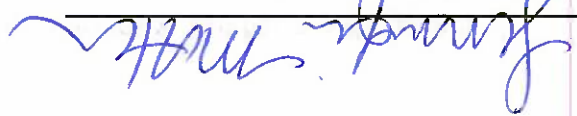
Second: Jennifer Motter

All approved


 Ron Mckelvy, Chairman


 Marvin Cornelison

Jennifer Motter, Secretary



Nina Crawford, Vice Chairman



Thomas Davis

