**Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration**

**Decatur County Elections Office, Courthouse Annex**

**122 W. Water St.**

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**April 9, 2024**

**Call To Order**

**Administrative Notes and Announcements**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Decatur County Board of Elections and Voter Registration was called to order by Vice Chairman Holmes at 6:30 p.m. and stated that the meeting had been duly advertised in the newspaper, and on the appropriate building properly identifying the meeting date, time and location as required by governing laws. Chairman Keith Sellars was unable to attend.

**Public Participation**: Poll workers

**Board Members present: Staff and others present:**

Vice Chairman Beverly Holmes Joyce Coddington, Election Supervisor

Board Member Dan Provence Linda Walton, Asst. Election Supervisor

Board Member Johnny Brown Margaret Bryant, Deputy Registrar

Board Member Gina Burke Becky Harrell, Charles Harrell,

 Melbah Andrews, Suzan Yates

 Patricia Williams, Edith Miller

 Public: Gail Bouie, Sterling (Sterling IT)

**Approved Minutes**

Board Member Burke motioned to accept the minutes from the March 15, 2024, regular meeting. Board Member Provence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation**

**Budget**

Supervisor Coddington advised the Board that the budget is currently at 38 % remaining for the year ending June 30th, 2024. Vice Chairman Holmes asked Coddington about the line item for

 phones and the cost. Coddington said she would look into the phone line-item breakdown to see the actual cost. Vice Chairman Holmes also asked about the food line item and what it consisted of. Coddington advised Holmes that the cost was for election day and deployment team lunches. Holmes inquired about who the deployment team consisted of Coddington explained that the deployment team consisted of a few poll workers and an inmate crew.

**Old Business**

1. **Sterling IT Cameras**

Sterling IT attended the meeting to explain the benefit of having security cameras to assist the office staff in having better security. Vice Chairman Holmes advised that the issue of the cameras should be tabled until Coddington can speak to the County administrator. Member Provence made a motion to table the cameras and Member Burke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. **Encoder Cards**

Coddington explained the purpose of the encoder cards and how they are used during elections. Coddington also explained some of the issues that were happening during advanced voting and election day. Coddington advised the Board of the cost per encoder and how many she would like to order. Board Member Burke motioned to purchase the 10 encoder cards and Member Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. **Resignation of Chairman Sellars**

Vice Chairman Holmes advised the Board that Chairman Sellars could not attend the meeting and that he would be writing his resignation letter as soon as possible and sending it to Coddington. The Vice Chairman recommended to table the resignation until a formal letter was written and turned in. Member Provence motioned to table the resignation until the May 28th, 2024, 4:30 pm meeting and Member Burke seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 28th, 2024 at 4:30 pm to certify the May 21, 2024, General Primary/Non-Partisan Election.

Motion to adjourn: Member Burke

Seconded by Member Provence 7:05 PM