**Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration**

**Decatur County Elections Office, Courthouse Annex**

**122 W. Water St.**

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**May 28, 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 4:33 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. New Board member Laura Winburn was in attendance.

**Public Participation**: None

**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,

Board Member Laura Winburn Melbah Andrews, Suzan Yates

Patricia Williams, Edith Miller, Grace Moorhead,

Valerie Bush, Emmett Thompson, Emma Sales

Kathie Adams, Bobbie Rains

Public: Gail Bouie

**Approved Minutes**

Board Member Burke motioned to accept the minutes from the April 9, 2024, regular meeting. Board Member Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation**

**Budget**

Supervisor Coddington advised the Board that the budget is currently at 37 % remaining for the year ending June 30th, 2024. Coddington advised the Board that some expenses from the May 21, 2024, General Primary/Non-Partisan Election were not included in the current budget. Coddington also stated that the Board's questions regarding the telephones were errors from Admin and have been corrected and put into the correct line items.

**New Business**

1. **Member Vote**

After the resignation of Keith Sellars and the swearing-in of new Board Member Winburn, the Board voted on Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Holmes asked for nominations for Chairman, Board Member Provence nominated Beverly Holmes and Board Member Burke seconded. The vote was unanimously accepted. Chairman Holmes then asked for a nomination for Vice Chairman, Board Member Burke nominated Board Member Dan Provence and Board Member Brown seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous.

**Old Business**

1. **Poll Worker Lunches**

Coddington reminded the Board of a previous meeting about the discussion to continue poll worker lunches or provide a stipend to each poll worker instead of Elections supplying lunch. Board Member Burke asked how the lunches went in the previous election. Coddington explained that Chic Fila was provided on the last election and was time-consuming to set up with the restaurant and the cost was higher than we usually spent on lunches. Coddington did explain that the best thing about Chic Fila was that they delivered to all ten precincts. Coddington advised the Board that the average cost per meal was $12.00 instead of the $10.00 normally spent. After some discussion from poll workers in attendance and Board Members, a proposal was made to allow poll workers to choose to receive a $10.00 stipend or have lunch provided. A motion was made by Board Member Provence and seconded by Board Member Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Holmes asked that Deployment lunches be put on the next meeting agenda in June.

Board Member Burke also asked for the cameras to be on the June agenda.

Adjourned at 5:21 pm

Motion made by Board Member Burke and seconded by Vice Chairman Provence. The motion passed unanimously.