**Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration Decatur County Elections Office, Courthouse Annex 122-W. Water St.**

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**October 8, 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 Chairman Holmes at 6:32 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. Board Member Gina Burke was unable to attend.

**Public Participation:**

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

Chairman Beverly Holmes Joyce Coddington, Elections Supervisor

Vice Chairman Dan Provence Linda Walton, Asst. Elections Supervisor

Board Member Johnny Brown Margaret Bryant, Deputy Registrar

Board Member Laura Winburn Melbah Andrews, Patricia Williams, Becky Harrell,

 Suzan Yates, Emma Sales, Virginia Miller, Sharon Anderson, Edith Miller, Ethel Wills, Martha Jones, Grace Moorhead, Angela Bryant, Steve Winburn, Kelvin Bouie, Pricilla Ricks & Tomeka Winbush–Sowega Rising, Veta Merritt –Watchdog Committee, LJ Stuckey

**Approved Minutes**

Vice Chairman Provence motioned to accept the regular meeting minutes from September 10, 2024, Member Brown seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Budget**

Supervisor Coddington advised the Board that the current budget remaining is at 86%. Coddington advised the Board that corrections were made regarding the Board member's checks and would check back with Randy to see when the checks would be cut. Chairman Holmes asked about an expense of $300 for Dominion; Coddington explained that the charge was shipping for the new watermark ballot paper required by the State. Chairman Holmes also asked what was included as a part of Dominion’s service. Coddington stated that the toner for the printer was the only thing included in the cost. All other supplies must be purchased. Vice Chairman Provence asked about the electricity discussed in a prior meeting. Coddington clarified that the electricity cost on the budget is for three buildings: Fairgrounds, Courthouse Annex, and West Bainbridge.

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**New Business**

Chairman Holmes asked if everything was on track for the November Election. Coddington stated that the machines were tested and ready to be put into action for Advanced Voting and poll workers had been trained. Vice Chairman Provence asked about the poll watchers for the upcoming election. Coddington advised the Board that the parties train their poll watchers, and there is a deadline for which parties must provide a letter to the Superintendent with a list of the poll watchers the party wishes to use. Chairman Holmes asked if the cameras had been installed, and Coddington stated that the cameras would be up and running before Advanced Voting begins. Vice Chairman Provence noted that the carpets had been cleaned. Member Brown asked about the bathroom ventilation, and Coddington told the Board that adding ventilation to the bathrooms would take extensive work. The recommendation was to look for an air purifier that could be plugged in. Member Winburn asked about voting on a budget for the air purifier. Member Winburn motioned for $350.00 per bathroom to purchase the air purifiers. Vice Chairman Provence seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: 6:48 pm

 Member Brown 1st

 Vice Chairman Provence 2nd