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

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**December 10, 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 6:30 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.

**Public Participation:**

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

Chairman Beverly Holmes Joyce Coddington, Elections Supervisor

Vice Chairman Dan Provence

Board Member Johnny Brown Margaret Bryant, Deputy Registrar

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

Board Member Gina Burke Ethel Wills, Angela Bryant, Valerie Bush

**Approved Minutes**

Member Brown motioned to accept the regular meeting minutes from October 8, 2024. Vice Chairman Provence seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

**Budget**

Supervisor Coddington advised the Board that the current budget remaining is at 65%. Coddington advised the Board that it was getting close to time to work on the new budget and once the deadline to have it completed was announced she would let the Board know so that a meeting would be properly scheduled. Member Winburn asked Coddington to look into past electricity bills which seemed to be unusually high. Coddington said that she would ask for the last 6 months of electric bills and get back to them.

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**Executive Session**

Chairman Holmes called the Board into Executive Session, the session began at 6:33 pm and ended at 7:13 pm. The Executive session included a new meeting time which would be 5 pm and every other month Board meeting beginning in January. Vice Chairman Provence made the motion and Member Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board also decided to require a new public participation sign-up sheet for any members of the public wishing to speak during a Board meeting and no longer paying poll workers to attend Board meetings.

**New Business**

A poll worker appreciation dinner was proposed. Coddington suggested to the Board to reserve a restaurant and set a budget per person. Members suggested getting the dinner catered and using the Agriculture Building for the dinner. Coddington was asked to get some catering prices for the dinner.

The Board asked Coddington to create a post-election survey for poll workers to get input from the poll workers on what they thought worked and what didn’t.

The next meeting was set for January 14, 2025, at 5 pm.

Adjournment: 7:33 pm

Vice Chairman Provence 1st

Member Brown 2nd

The motion passed unanimously.