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

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**June 21, 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:** Chairman Beverly Holmes Vice Chairman Dan Provence

Board Member Johnny Brown Board Member Gina Burke Board Member Laura Winburn

**Staff and others present:**

Joyce Coddington, Election Supervisor Margaret Bryant, Deputy Registrar Becky Harrell, Charles Harrell,

Melbah Andrews, Patricia Williams,

Valerie Bush, Kathie Adams, Charles Murphy

**Approved Minutes**

Board Member Brown motioned to accept the minutes from the May 28, 2024, regular meeting. Vice Chairman Provence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation Budget**

Supervisor Coddington advised the Board that the budget is currently at 31 % remaining for the year ending June 30th 2024. Coddington advised the Board that some expenses from the June 18, 2024, General Primary Runoff Election were not yet included in the current budget. Coddington stated the end-of-year budget should be in sometime in July depending on when the Administration completes the year-end balances.

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**Old Business**

1. **Deployment Lunches**

Chairman Holmes asked Coddington about the lunches provided to the deployment crew which included contractors, inmates and correctional officers during the previous election in May. Coddington explained to the Board that yes lunch was provided to the whole deployment crew which had included inmates and correctional officers, but not at the County's expense. Coddington further stated that the lunches were provided by Linda and herself because they felt like the whole crew deserved to eat after working and deploying equipment. Coddington had also made sure to get permission from Warden Screen to feed the inmate crew. After some discussion from the Board, staff, and poll workers it was decided to ask if it is against county policy to feed the inmate crew from the Election budget.

Coddington was instructed to follow up with the County Administrator on the matter of county policy. A motion was made by Member Burke and seconded by Vice Chairman Provence. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Entryway Security Cameras**

Chairman Holmes informed the Board that the answer received from the County Administrator regarding the security cameras was to get some proposals together and submit them and that the cameraswould come from the Elections budget. The Board discussed what type of equipment the staff would like to see put in place. Coddington explained that entryway cameras with intercom systems would allow the staff to see who is entering the office and a push-button entry system to allow them in. Coddington asked for some suggestions for vendors that she could get proposals from. Member Burke stated that the school had a similar system in place and would get the information and send it to Coddington. Coddington also stated that she would contact Sterling IT since we already had a contract with him and get a proposal from them as well. The Board agreed for the staff to get some proposals together for the County Administrator.

Coddington asked the Board when they would like to schedule the next meeting and it was agreed that since it was an election year, the Board would continue to meet monthly. The next scheduled meeting will be July 9th at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned at 5:00 pm

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

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