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

**Bainbridge, GA 39817**

**September 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 6:32 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.

**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,

Board Member Gina Burke 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 August 06, 2024, with corrections made to include the Board Member Burke and Vice Chairman Provence in attendance in the previous meeting. Board Member Burke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Budget**

Supervisor Coddington advised the Board that the new budget began on July 1, 2024, and will end on June 30, 2025. Coddington stated that the current budget stands at 91% remaining. Vice Chairman Provence asked about the current budget for electricity. Vice Chairman Provence stated his concern that the budget for electricity may go over. Coddington said that she would ask why the bill is running high. Coddington explained that the bill covers three buildings. Coddington also stated that when it comes time for making the new budget the electricity bills would be considered.

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Vice Chairman Provence asked about group insurance and what it covered. Coddington explained that the admin office sets up this particular budget item and has to do with the insurance carried on staff.

**Old Business**

Member Burke asked what the status of the camera and panic buttons were. Coddington advised that Sterling was unable to get panic buttons and as soon as we let him know he will order the camera system for the doors. Sterling also stated that he was confident that he will have the cameras up before Advanced Voting began. Coddington also said that we can get panic buttons from Preventia, our current alarm company without any extra cost on the monthly monitoring bill. The only extra expense would be the buttons themselves. The Board asked for Coddington to submit the camera proposal to the Administrator so that they will be installed by Advanced Voting.

Coddington advised the Board that the maintenance department is working on a solution for the bathrooms. Coddington also stated that she would call the carpet cleaners to get a quote as soon as possible and out to the Board through an email for approval.

Member Burke asked Coddington to check into revamping the website to be more user-friendly. Coddington responded that she will ask admin who the person is that designed the website and see if some changes can be made. Coddington suggested that we should look into getting a website of our own.

**New Business**

Vice Chairman Provence asked about the process of purging voters. Coddington explained that purging voters is done by the state through the Garvis and Eric Systems. Voters are mailed letters and will go into an Inactive status before they are placed in Canceled status. Voters that have no activity for 8 years may be placed into Canceled status.

Chairman Holmes asked for minutes to be given to the Board sooner.

Adjournment: Member Burke 1st

 Vice Chairman 2nd 7:01 pm