



Board of Elections & Registrations *Irwin County Georgia*

Waymond Harris, Chairman

Ethan Compton, Election Supervisor

Charlene Hutchinson, Republican Party Representative / Vice-Chair

Patricia Thurman, Democratic Party Representative

Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 15th, 2024 @ 5:15pm

People Present: *Ethan Compton, Evelyn Romans, Waymond Harris, Charlene Hutchinson, Patricia Thurman, Charlene Richardson*

Call to Order: *Called to order at 5:15pm, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Harris.*

Approval of Minutes: *Vice Chair Hutchinson motions to approve the minutes as written, Patricia Thurman seconds, motion to approve minutes unanimously approved.*

Old Business:

1. Update on Irwinville Voter Hub Purchase
 - a. Current estimate for freight shipping is to be \$1,000 but will be updated as the actual costs of transport are known, and the voter hubs are currently in production, with an estimated delivery timeframe of 10-12 weeks, to arrive shortly before the May 21 General Primary, Nonpartisan General and Special Election.

New Business:

Chairman Harris introduced Charlene Richardson to each member of the BOER and welcomed her to the meeting.

1. March 12 Presidential Preference Primary Results Certification
 - a. On the Democratic Nomination for President of the United States:
 - i. Joseph R. Biden, Jr. received 134 votes;
 - ii. Dean Phillips received 3 votes;
 - iii. Marianne Williamson received 4 votes.

- b. On the Republican Nomination for President of the United States:
 - i. Ryan L. Binkley received 0 votes;
 - ii. Doug Burgum received 0 votes;
 - iii. Chris Christie received 1 vote;
 - iv. Ron DeSantis received 9 votes;
 - v. Nikki Haley received 33 votes;
 - vi. Asa Hutchinson received 0 votes;
 - vii. Perry Johnson received 0 votes;
 - viii. Vivek Ramaswamy received 1 vote;
 - ix. Tim Scott received 4 votes;
 - x. David Stuckenberg received 0 votes;
 - xi. Donald J. Trump received 774 votes.
 - c. For the Irwin County Sales Tax for Education:
 - i. Yes received 748 votes;
 - ii. No received 221 votes.
 - d. These returns, as certified by our hands and affixed with the seal of our office, shall be transmitted in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws to the Georgia Secretary of State's Office for final certification and filing into the Georgia Historical Archives, to the Georgia Department of Revenue and to the Georgia Department of Education, as well as being available for review in our office for a period of 24 months.
 - e. *All members of the BOER and Supervisor Compton indicated their unanimous approval of the March 12th, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary and Special Election Results by signing the Certification forms.*
2. Information Relating to March 12 Presidential Preference Primary Risk Limiting Audit
- a. The audit shall be conducted on the morning of March 20, beginning at 9am.
 - i. With each of Irwin County's political parties providing three representatives to serve as audit board members and our board members and chairman acting as a vote dispute resolution board, we expect to be able to fully audit two of the three contests on the ballot within the estimated timeframe of two hours:
 - ii. *Supervisor Compton added that if time allows, all contests will attempt to be audited.*
 - 1. The Party Presidential contest as chosen by the Secretary of State's Office;
 - 2. Irwin County's Sales Tax for Education
3. Qualified Candidates for Local Offices for May 21 General Primary, Nonpartisan General and Special Election
- a. The following nonpartisan offices will have their General Election be held on May 21:
 - i. Probate Court Judge:

1. Ronnie McCurdy
 2. LaRounda Thomas
 - ii. Magistrate Court Judge:
 1. Heather Cleghorn Culpepper
 - iii. School Board District 2:
 1. Chandler Rowe
 - iv. School Board District 4:
 1. Holly Conner
 2. Jorjanne Zorn Paulk
- b. The following partisan offices will have their specific party nominations decided during the May 21 General Primary, to be determined in the General Election to be held on November 5:
 - i. Clerk of Superior Court:
 1. Independent (Will advance directly to the November ballot):
 - a. Nancy F. Ross
 2. Republican: None
 3. Democrat: None
 - ii. Sheriff:
 1. Republican:
 - a. Cody Yaughn
 2. Democrat: None
 - iii. Commission Chair:
 1. Republican:
 - a. Scott Carver
 - b. Carl Hutchinson
 2. Democrat: None
 - iv. Tax Commissioner:
 1. Republican:
 - a. Lindsey Ross Todd
 2. Democrat: None
 - v. Commission District 1:
 1. Republican:
 - a. Jimmy Mobley
 - b. Paul McIntyre
 2. Democrat: None

vi. Commission District 3:

1. Democrat:

a. Aldene Tyson

2. Republican:

a. Mona MacKenzie

vii. Coroner:

1. Republican:

a. Brandon Fletcher

2. Democrat: None

- c. In addition to the above, a South Georgia Regional Sales Tax for Transportation referendum shall be on the May 21 Ballot.
- d. \$10,536.82 in qualifying fees have been collected by our office, of which, since our office performed all qualifying duties, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(c)(3)(B)-(C), twenty five percent of the fees of all Republican candidates, which amounts to \$1,364.66, has been sent to the Georgia Republican Party, twenty five percent of the fees of all Democratic candidates, which amounts to \$27.00, has been sent to the Georgia Democratic Party and the remaining \$9,145.16 has been applied to our budget to assist with the costs of running the ensuing elections the candidates will appear on the ballot, which amounts to seventy five percent of all Democratic and Republican candidate qualifying fees and the entirety of the fees of all independent and nonpartisan candidates.

4. Tentative Events Timetable for May 21 General Primary, Nonpartisan General and Special Election

- a. All qualified candidate information has been sent to the Secretary of State's Office's Center for Elections Systems for ballot building and we expect to have preliminary ballots ready for proofreading by the end of March.
- b. Once proofread and given approval, ballot files will be sent to our designated paper ballot printing service, Tattnall Ballot Solutions to await our emailing them with how many of each ballot to order.
- c. CES will also burn our elections project configuration files onto a CD and send it via courier to our office in a discreet package containing a locked container.
- d. Tattnall will print and hand-deliver our paper ballots used for emergencies and provisional ballots to our office, where they will be stored under lock, key and alarm until needed.
- e. Once we receive the elections project, we will prepare all media needed to perform Logic and Accuracy Testing, during which those updated configuration files will be installed on each Ballot Marking Device in public view.
- i. Our current estimated timeframe for Logic and Accuracy Testing is set for April 16-18th.
- f. Poll Worker training will occur again on April 23rd from 9:30 until Noon.
- g. Early Voting for the May 21 election will be Monday through Saturday, 8a-5p from April 29th until May 17th.

- h. It is currently estimated that the Vote Center Hubs will be delivered during the latter half of Early Voting, and Supervisor Compton will spend available time installing the Ballot Marking Devices, Battery Backup Units and Printers for Irwinville Precinct into them in the time between delivery and Election Day in his office, where his progress can be observed via the large window between his office and the voting area.
- i. If the Vote Center Hubs are delivered and installation is complete, this will drastically improve the efficiency of equipment delivery to Irwinville and we will arrive at the office at 5:45am, swear in all equipment delivery staff, which we will need far fewer of, and still be able to deliver and set up the equipment with time for poll workers to log seal numbers and ensure no equipment tampering and completed opening paperwork before 7am on May 21st.

Public Comment:

N/A

Board Comment:

- *Patricia Thurman inquired as to if, moving forward, board members can continue to participate as poll workers during Early Voting. Supervisor Compton replied that yes, that they may, if they wish. We do have adequate poll worker levels though, and all final staffing decisions are to be made with Chairman Harris.*
- *Patricia Thurman asked if board members wishing to participate as poll workers would need to repeat training. Supervisor Compton replied that all Poll Workers will by state law require new training before all Primaries, General and Special Elections, but board members are exempt from that requirement in their supervisory duties.*

~~Executive Session: Entered executive session @ _____ due to request by _____ to discuss~~

~~Exited executive session @ _____~~

Meeting Adjourned: *Vice-Chair Hutchinson motions to adjourn, Patricia Thurman seconds, meeting unanimously adjourned at 5:38pm.*

1. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 @ 4:00pm