

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Minutes of the September 12, 2023 Board Meeting

The Lee County Board of Elections & Registration held a meeting on September 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Elections & Registration Office. Board members present were Mike Sabot, Charles Johnson, Willie Allen, and George Houston. Scott Beeley was unable to attend.

Also in attendance was Veronica Johnson, Director of Elections and Registration.

The meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board was presented with the minutes from the August 8, 2023 meeting. Mr. Houston made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board was updated on the Election Office renovations. Renovations have begun and Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed by October 10, 2023.

Discussion was held on the November 7, 2023 Municipal General Elections to be held in Leesburg and Smithville. Qualified candidates are as listed:

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| Leesburg – | Post 4 | David Daughtry (I) | |
| | Post 5 | Rufus Sherman (I) | Michael Revell |
| | Post 6 | Amanda White (I) | |
| Smithville | Mayor | Vincent Cutts (I) | Jessie Angry, Write In |
| | Ward 1 | James Champion | |
| | Ward 2 | Shalnica French | |

Lee County will participate in a pilot program with the Secretary of State's Office to test new Dominion software during the November 7, 2023 General Election.

The Board was updated on list maintenance process with NGE and No Contact notices. ERIC notices (cross state) will be sent by the Secretary of State's Office by the middle of September. NCOA notices (within county) will be mailed in December.

The SAFE Assessment, conducted statewide by GEMA and Homeland Security staff, is scheduled for September 19, 2023 in Lee County.

The Election System Health Check, conducted statewide by the Secretary of State's staff will be conducted September 14, 2023 in Lee County.

The Board discussed the Memorandum of Understanding received from the Library Board of Trustees in preparation of moving Precinct 6 to The Bindery @ Oakland Library. Notes were added of several changes to be made. Mrs. Johnson will meet with the County Attorney, the County Manager and Library Director to finalize the MOU.

Mrs. Johnson reminded the Board she will be attending the Election Center Symposium at Auburn University October 15-17, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board was presented with current financial statements for review.

The Board was presented with current voter registration totals. As of September 12, 2023 Lee County had 23,278 active registered voters.

CONCERNS FROM THE BOARD:

Mr. Sabot discussed recent emails from an advocacy group request hand-marked paper ballots.

Discussion was also held on lawsuits that has been filed alleging Georgia's congressional and legislative districts illegally discriminate against minority voters.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

With no other business, Mr. Allen made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Lee County Board of
Elections and Registration**



**MIKE SABOT
CHAIRMAN**

Adopted 10/10/2023