LEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION Minutes of the May 11, 2021 Board Meeting

The Lee County Board of Elections & Registration held a meeting on May 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Elections & Registration Office. Board members present were Mike Mathis, Helen Butler, Angus Worthy, Scott Beeley, and Mike Sabot.

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 April 13, 2021 meeting. Mr. Sabot made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Mr. Worthy seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Johnson informed the Board no additional information has been provided for the proposed FYE2022 budget.

Mrs. Johnson informed the Board that office staff will be hosting a roundtable meeting on May 20, 2021 with Dougherty County to discuss changes in the election laws, due to the passage of Senate Bill 202.

Discussion was held on preparations for the 2022 election cycle. A request for a pole barn type structure to park the delivery trailers under has been approved by the Board of Commissioners. Other purchases for election supplies are ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board was presented with current financial statements for review.

Discussion was held on the November 2, 2021 Municipal General Elections for Leesburg and Smithville. Leesburg will hold elections for Mayor, Post 1, Post 2, and Post 3. Smithville will hold elections for Ward 3 and Ward 4.

CONCERNS FROM THE BOARD:

Mr. Sabot initiated discussion on Section 7 of SB202. It was noted that SB 202 prohibits the use county funds for attorney or litigation fees, if the SEB initiates removal of any local elections superintendents. Because elections have become so litigious in the past few years, discussion was held on purchasing an insurance policy to cover any and all legal fees. Mr. Beeley made a **MOTION** to have Mrs. Johnson seek information and quotes on a policy that would cover any type of litigation expenses for the Board of Elections and its members. Mr. Sabot seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

With no other business, Mr. Sabot made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Worthy seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

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Adopted 6/8/2024