

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Minutes of the August 8, 2023 Board Meeting

The Lee County Board of Elections & Registration held a meeting on August 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Elections & Registration Office. Board members present were Mike Sabot, Scott, Beeley, Charles Johnson, and Willie Allen. George Houston 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 July 11, 2023 meeting. Mr. Beeley made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board was updated on the upcoming office renovations. No bids were received on July 20, 2023, and the RFP has been reposted. Bids will be due August 21, 2023.

The Board was informed the County Commissioners have approved entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement for storage space with the Secretary of State's Office. At the present time, the deployment date for new UPS units has been put on hold due to funding.

The Board was informed the list maintenance process with NGE and No Contact notices has begun. NGE notices were mailed by the Secretary of State's Office and No Contact notices will be mailed by county office staff on August 10, 2023.

Mrs. Johnson shared information with the Board from the August 3, 2023 meeting with Secretary of State staff regarding participating in the 2023 General Election Pilot Program. Participation will be determined during the candidate qualifying period held August 21 -25, 2023.

The Election System Health Check, conducted statewide by the Secretary of State's staff, has not be scheduled yet for Lee County. Mrs. Johnson will keep the Board informed as information becomes available.

The Board was given an update on the potential moving of Precinct 6 from the First Baptist Church of Albany to The Bindery at the Oakland Library. Mr. Sabot and Mrs. Johnson met with the Library Board of Trustees and hope to have a Memorandum of Understand to review within 30 days.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board was presented with current financial statements for review.

The Board was presented with current voter registration totals. As of August 7, 2023 Lee County had 23,283 active registered voters.

Mrs. Johnson informed the Board of an upcoming Election Center Symposium being held on election research and best practices at Auburn University October 15-17, 2023. By common consent, all members present agreed it would be a benefit for Mrs. Johnson to attend.

The Board was informed Secretary of State Raffensperger has announced random statewide parallel testing will be conducted in 2024 to support voter confidence in the security of the election process. Mrs. Johnson will keep the Board updated as more information becomes available.

The Board was informed Mrs. Johnson has been asked by the State Election Board to participate on a five member small working group to help review and promulgate rules for the conducting of elections in Georgia.

Discussion was held on the upcoming November 7, 2023 Municipal General Elections. Leesburg and Smithville have been provided updated list of voters and streets. The two municipalities will conduct their own candidate qualifying, and provide Mrs. Johnson with a list of candidates on August 25, 2023.

CONCERNS FROM THE BOARD:

None

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

**Lee County Board of
Elections and Registration**

Adopted 9/12/2023


MIKE SABOT
CHAIRMAN