

**MACON-BIBB COUNTY**

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING (TELECONFERENCE)**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

**(VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY)**

**Dial in #: (978) 990-5000 / USE ACCESS CODE: 625918**

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Mike Kaplan, Chairperson called the meeting to order at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

***(Please ask all teleconference attendees to please silence / mute your phone to reduce background noise so the meeting can be heard by all)***

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

1. Welcome & Recognition of Visitors via Teleconference

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. In order to be in compliance with the stringent deadlines to certify the November 3, 2020 General and Special Election and due to the considerable amount of preparation to conduct the required risk limiting audit, recount, and recanvass of votes for the presidential race; request approval to defer approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting held Thursday, September 17, and the regular meeting held Thursday, October 22, 2020 to the December 16, 2020 meeting date. *(ACTION)*

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval to file a copy of the consolidated certification of returns for the November 3, 2020 General and Special Elections as a permanent record in the minutes. *(ACTION)*

Microsoft Teams (Free with the county) or Zoom for conducting virtual meetings (Fee based) (Update)

*(Virtual Meetings will continue due to Covid-19)*

OLD BUSINESS:

1. High Speed Letter Opener – Update
2. Additional Official Absentee Ballot Drop Box – Update
3. Bibb County Board of Elections Main Office

(2) Bibb County Court House (Mulberry Street)

(3) *Additional Box location to be determined*

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Items from the Chief Registrar, Veronica Seals
   1. Voter registration deadline for the January 5, 2020 General/Special Election Runoff Election is Monday, December 7, 2020
   2. Absentee Ballot mailing – Urge voters to follow up on absentee ballot request
   3. All Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes will officially close at 7:00 p.m. at the close of the polls
   4. **The Online Absentee Ballot Application Portal** is live and the public can log on to: [https://ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov](https://ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov/) to process their absentee ballot application and it will automatically be submitted to the board of elections office electronically
   5. Absentee in-person – Early Voting Begins Monday, December 14, 2020
      * 1. Board of Elections main office
        2. Elaine Lucas Senior Center
        3. Theron Ussery Recreation Center
      1. Returned Ballots – Mailing has not begun
      2. Active – **108,445** Inactive -**7,418** - Combined Total – **115,863**

as of date: **11/19/2020**

* 1. Mailing absentee ballots – begins **November 18, 2020**
  2. ElectioNet Voter Registration Dashboard Report
     1. DDS Department Driver Services Applications – **2,668**
     2. OLVR – Online Voter Registration Applications– **1,416**
     3. Verification of Pending Voters – **3**
     4. Online Absentee Ballot Application Portal – **1,803**

1. Items from Board Members
2. Items from the Supervisor
   1. Preparation for the January 5, 2020 General & Special Runoff Election
   2. Early Tabulation – The SOS will inform counties of the date when tabulation prior to election day will begin
   3. Counties will be mailing their own absentee ballots for the January 5th, General Runoff Election
3. Items from the County Attorney
   1. Opinion concerning hazard pay from grant funds - Update
4. Correspondence: (Copies for Board meeting files)
   1. Certification of Returns – General & Special Election November 3, 2020
   2. Budget Performance Report
   3. What is on the January Runoff Ballot

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: *(Please limit comments to 2 minutes)*

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion for adjournment was made by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ p.m. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_