MINUTES OF THE

MACON-BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING

JULY 15, 2021

(Zoom Meeting)

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The Regular Meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections was held on July 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. virtually via Zoom.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** **STAFF PRESENT**

Darius Maynard, Chair Jeanetta Watson – Elections Supervisor

Joel Hazard, Vice Chair Veronica Seals – Chief Registrar

Mike Kaplan, Member Charlene Maynard – Administrative Assistant

Karen Evans-Daniel, Member Tom Gillon – Elections Officer

Herbert Spangler, Member William Noland, County Attorney

1. CALLED TO ORDER

Darius Maynard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION
2. Consideration of a record made exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to the Open Records Act where consideration could not reasonably occur without disclosure of exempt materials in an open meeting, discussion of consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50- 14-2(1); and discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2); (LITIGATION SETTLEMENT)

Mr. Kaplan made a motion for the Board to enter Executive Session. Mr. Hazard seconded. Mr. Maynard, Ms. Evans-Daniel, and Mr. Spangler agreed. The motion passed unanimously. The Board members went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and to receive an update on any pending litigation from the Board’s Attorney

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kaplan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 17, 2021. Mr. Hazard seconded. Mr. Maynard, Ms. Evans-Daniel, and Mr. Spangler agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Mrs. Watson provided the Board with the revenue vs. expenditure difference from grant funds received from the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL).

The first grant received in the amount of $557,598.00 – *CTCL will receive reimbursement in the amount of $19,116.89.*

The second grant received in the amount of $241,484.11 – *CTCL will receive reimbursement in the amount of $27,617.48.*

Total Grant funding from CTCL - $799,082.11 – Total reimbursement $46,734.37

1. Mrs. Watson informed the Board that she has received several open records requests. A report of the requests will be provided.
2. Mr. Maynard reminded the Board about the Board members training and development workshop which will be held on Monday, July 19, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Board of Elections office. Dinner will be served.

1. OLD BUSINESS
2. Mr. Maynard stated once the referendum is received from the Commissioner’s there will be a special meeting for the Board to approve the Call to conduct the Other Local Option Sales Tax Special Election for November 2, 2021.
3. Mrs. Watson provided each Board member with elections turnout statistics from 2008 – January 2021. After much discussion, Mr. Kaplan made a motion to utilize all three advance voting locations for the November Special Election: to include the main office, the Elaine Lucas Senior Center, and Theron Ussery Recreation Center. Ms. Evans-Daniel seconded. Mr. Hazard and Mr. Spangler opposed. The motion passed. (See Correspondence)

There was no motion for Sunday voting.

1. Mrs. Watson informed the Board members that all necessary arrangements have been made for Board members and staff who will be attending the Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Elections Officials yearly conference (GAVREO), August 29 – September 1, 2021, at the Jekyll Island, Conference Center as required; according to O.C.G.A. 21-2-100 for mandatory training hours.
2. OTHER BUSINESS
3. Staff Reports
4. Veronica Seals, Chief Registrar

*Registration data is accurate as of date: July 15, 2021*

* Active Voters: 109,629
* Inactive Voters: 6,840
* Combined Total: 116,469

*ElectioNet Voter Registration Dashboard Processing Report*

* Department of Driver Services Applications (DDS): 61
* Online Voter Registration Applications (OLVR): 2
* Verification of Pending Voter Reg. Applications: 3

1. Jeanetta Watson, Elections Supervisor Report

* The landlord has requested for the two mini-mobile units used for storage be removed before or by August 1st. Mayor Miller and Mr. Keith Moffett, County Manager, are assisting the elections technicians with finding an alternative location for storing an overage of supplies and equipment.
* Preparation for poll worker recruitment and \*\*new training format, policies, procedures, and best practices
* Continue processing of open records requests

1. Tom Gillon, Elections Officer Report

* Mr. Gillon provided the Board with the list of individuals who have failed to submit their annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement which was due by July 1, 2021. As a courtesy, Mr. Gillon sends our reminders when reports are due. *(See Correspondence)*

1. Legal Reports
   * 1. Mr. Noland, County Attorney, stated the governor’s public health emergency order has been allowed to expire; therefore, to be compliant with the Open Meetings Act requirements, he recommends for the Board members to consider returning to open in person meetings to avoid legal issues.
2. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Spangler made a motion for adjournment. Mr. Hazard seconded. Mr. Maynard, Mr. Kaplan, and Ms. Evans-Daniel agreed. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

*Minutes Transcribed by Jeanetta Watson, Elections Supervisor*