MINUTES OF THE

MACON-BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2021

(Zoom Meeting)

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The Regular Meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections was held on May 20, 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 Charlene Maynard – Administrative Assistant

Mike Kaplan, Member Tom Gillon, Elections Officer

Karen Evans-Daniel, Member William Noland, BOE Attorney

Herbert Spangler, Member

**GUEST PRESENT**

(See attachment)

1. CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Darius Maynard called the meeting to order at 4:02 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)

On motion of Mike Kaplan, seconded by Joel Hazard, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting went into Executive Session for the items listed above.

1. APPROVAL TO AMEND THE AGENDA

On motion of Mike Kaplan, the request was made to amend the agenda under new business item (d) to discuss requesting the county to purchase 2 trucks for the Board of Elections, seconded by Karen Evans-Daniel, the motion passed unanimously.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
2. Approval of the Minutes of the May Regular Board Meeting

On motion of Mike Kaplan, seconded by Karen Evans-Daniel, and carried unanimously, the minutes from the May 20, 2021, meeting were approved.

1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. After discussion, the Board Member Development Presentation will be held on Monday, July 19, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
3. The Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Elections Officials Conference will be held August 29, - September 1, 2021, at Jekyll Island. Board members are encouraged to attend in person or virtually.
4. Advanced voting in-person for the November 2, 2021, Special election will begin Tuesday, October 12, 2021, until Friday, October 29, 2021. New legislation passed in Senate Bill 202 requires two mandatory Saturday Voting which will be held October 16 and 23. Optional Sunday voting can be held on October 17 and 24.

After discussion, on motion of Mike Kaplan and seconded by Joel Hazard, to table further discussion concerning conducting voting at the two additional advanced voting locations for the July Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Mrs. Watson informed the Board that 2 large Ford trucks in the amount of $91,981.48 have been ordered and approved by the Commission to purchase with grant funds. However, due to a global electronic component shortage, the vehicles will not be billed and received by the grant expenditure deadline. The trucks are necessary for transporting large amounts of voting equipment and supplies and during events.

On motion of Mike Kaplan, seconded by Herbert Spangler, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to approve requesting the county to fund the purchase of the two trucks.

1. OLD BUSINESS
2. William Noland, County Attorney will submit a request for the Commission to submit the request Call and Wording for the November 2, 2021, Other Local Option Sales Tax Special Election to the Board of Elections.
3. OTHER BUSINESS
4. Staff Reports
5. Chief Registrar – Veronica Seals

*Registration data is accurate as of date: June 17, 2021*

* Active Voters: 109,503
* Inactive Voters: 6,890
* Combined Total: 116,393

*ElectioNet Voter Registration Dashboard Processing Report*

* Department of Driver Services Applications (DDS): 36
* Online Voter Registration Applications (OLVR): 2
* Verification of Pending Voter Reg. Applications: 3

1. Elections Supervisor – Jeanetta Watson

* GAVREO Conference
* Region 6 Workshop – Jeanetta Watson Regional Facilitator

held May 26, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Board of Elections office and via zoom

* Began update of website content
* Grant expenditure deadline June 30, grant report due July 31
* July 5, 2021, Observation of Independence Day – Office will be closed
* Preparation for poll worker recruitment and \*\*new training format, policies, procedures, and best practices
  1. Legal Reports

1. Board Attorney – William H. Noland

None

1. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mike Kaplan, seconded by Karen Evans-Daniel, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

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Jeanetta Watson

Elections Supervisor