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MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, June 2, 2020

The June 2, 2020 meeting of the Houston County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Katherine Shelton.

Members of the Board Present: Katherine Shelton – Chairman
Barbara Waddle, Vice Chair
John Applegate
Henry Childs
Sherman Falana

Member(s) of the Staff Present: Debra Presswood, Registration/Election Supervisor

Chairman Shelton called for the approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by John Applegate and seconded by Barbara Waddle to approve the May 5, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion carried by all.

REGISTRATION/ELECTION SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Notice to Voters of Intent to Process Absentee Ballots Prior to the Closing of the Polls for the June 9, 2020 PPP/General Primary/Nonpartisan Election was posted on home webpage of Board of Election, the Board of Elections Office, the Houston County Courthouse, and the Houston County Annex. Processing paper absentee ballot began at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020 and continue until 5:00 p.m. daily through Friday, June 5, 2020 at the Board of Elections. Processing paper absentee ballots will resume on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and will continue until completed.

We will begin Computation and Canvassing of the Returns of Votes cast in the June 9, 2020 Election at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

Persons appointed to serve on the Vote Review panel for the June 9, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary/General Primary/Nonpartisan Elections are Brent Klein and Aaron Hufstetler (Republican Party Appointees), Robert DeGraphenreid and Clarence Long (Democratic Party Appointees), and John Applegate and Katherine Shelton (Board of Election Members). Vote Review team will be at Elections office at 4:00 pm on June 9, 2020 and remain until all absentee ballots have been counted. Review team will be sequestered until the polls close.

By directions of the State to reduce the lag time of requested mail-out absentee ballots, beginning May 29, 2020 – June 5, 2020 the counties are responsible for mailing out all absentee ballots requested by county electors.

After Houston County Commissioners heard concerns from Houston County citizens about not having Absentee Ballot drop boxes, ballot drop boxes were placed at the Board of Elections office (801 Main St., Perry) and the Houston County Annex (200 Carl Vinson, Warner Robins). Advertisement of drop boxes is on the County's and Board of Elections home webpages. Also, an announcement was made at the May 19, 2020 Commissioners Board Meeting and the Secretary of State office was notified.

Active/Inactive figures - (June 2, 2020), a copy of State Election Board Emergency Rule 183-1-14-0.7-15 (Intent to begin Processing Paper Absentee ballots) and Notice to Voters of Intent to Process Absentee Ballots Prior to the Closing of the Polls for the June 9, 2020 PPP/General Primary/Nonpartisan Election were given to Board members.

Election Day is June 9, 2020.

The next board meeting will be July 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

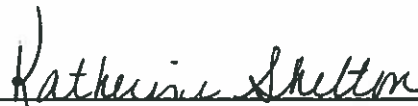
Old Business:

A motion was made by Henry Childs and seconded by John Applegate for the Board to meet on Friday, June 12, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. to review provisional ballots and to certify the June 9, 2020 Election. The motion carried by all.

New Business:

None

There being no further business motion to adjourn by Henry Childs, seconded by Sherman Falana. Motion carried by all. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Katherine Shelton, Chairman
July 7, 2020



Debra Presswood, Secretary

This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Georgia Meeting Provisions of Title 50, Chapter 14 of Georgia Code.