

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

HOUSTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING  
801 MAIN STREET, ROOM 237  
POST OFFICE BOX 945  
PERRY, GA 31069

478-987-1973

FAX 478-988-0699

## MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, August 4, 2020

The August 4, 2020 meeting of the Houston County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:32 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

Visitor(s) Present: Fenika Miller

Chairman Shelton called for the approval of the minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Henry Childs and seconded by John Applegate to approve the July 7, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion carried by all.

### REGISTRATION/ELECTION SUPERVISOR REPORT:

The Elections office had a July 31, 2020 deadline to process all the returned undeliverable Absentee Application Requests that were made for the May 19, 2020/June 9, 2020 General Primary Election. Our office completed processing 6,168 pieces of undeliverable returned mail on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

The Georgia Republican Party has two mass mailer campaigns in process. The Party is mailing Applications for Voter Registration. Copies of mailers are included in your file folders.

I received a call from a Houston County voter wanting to know if Board had plans to add more drop boxes in the county. I explained that we currently have one on the north end of county, Houston County Annex, and one on south end of county, Board of Elections office. The Board would re-visit need for additional drop boxes as the need arises. We averaged 6-8 ballots in box on north end of county except Election Night. Election Day we had approximately 200 ballots for both locations.

Active/Inactive figures - (August 4, 2020), an Explanation of Returned Mail from Absentee Ballot Applications, Copy of Rule 183-1-14-06.14 Secure Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes were given to Board members.

Our next election is November 3, 2020, General Election.

The next board meeting will be September 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

**Old Business:**

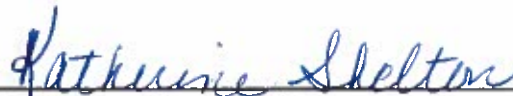
None

**New Business:**

The Board revisited the possibility of additional absentee drop boxes. Points to consider are need, cost, locality, voters' usage, and requirements to implement boxes. John Applegate and Katherine Shelton agreed to research the feasibility. Mr. Applegate will research police department and Chairman Shelton will research City Halls.

Chairman Shelton received letter from Mayor Randall Walker, City of Perry, requesting that the Board consider adding a new city polling location due to registered voters' growth and voter participation. Chairman Shelton will follow-up with response to Mayor Walker.

There being no further business motion to adjourn by John Applegate, seconded by Barbara Waddle. Motion carried by all. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Katherine Shelton, Chairman  
September 1, 2020



\_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Presswood, Secretary

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