

Cherokee County Board of Voter Registration & Elections

Canvass Meeting & Board Meeting

Minutes for meeting held August 12, 2022

The following board members were present: James "Ed" Elliott, Richard Baines, Lamar Batchelor, Jimmy Cash, Carlton Bridges, Mike Watson, Ben Taylor, Jerry Bridges

**board members absent: Jason Blanton

**also in attendance: Amanda Walker (director), Cassidy Nichols (deputy), and Meredith McKey (challenged voter)

Agenda was posted in accordance with SCFOIA

Call to order: Ed Elliott @ 9am; Jerry Bridges opened with prayer.

Minutes:

There were no Provisionals for BPW, School Board, or Town of Blacksburg; City of Gaffney had one provisional (challenged ballot). The voter who was challenged was present, but the challenger was not. Jerry made a motion to accept ballot; Jimmy seconded; all were in favor.

Amanda, Cassidy, and Ben ran the ballot through the DS200 and read results into Election ware. Amanda printed off official results. Came back into session @ 9:15am.

Hand-count audit of Town of Blacksburg-Town Council District 1 (Blacksburg Ward 1); School Board District 7 (Goucher Thicketty); BPW District 2 (Gaffney Ward 4); and City of Gaffney-City Council District 5 (Gaffney Ward 4). All results matched.

Lamar made a motion to certify BPW Election (21657); Richard seconded; all were in favor; all signed.

Jerry made a motion to certify School Board Election (21659); Ben seconded; all were in favor; all signed.

Richard made of motion to certify City of Gaffney Election (21660); Jimmy seconded; all were in favor; all signed.

Mike made a motion to certify Town of Blacksburg Election (21658); Jimmy seconded; all were in favor; all signed.

No recounts or run-offs required.

Jerry made a motion to end canvass meeting and enter into board meeting @ 9:20am; Richard seconded; all were in favor.

Ben noticed errors in minutes from 6.16.2022:(pg. 1, 2nd paragraph, line 4: ...era on our part/error on our part) & (pg. 2, paragraph 12, line 2: ...Jimmy, Ben, Mike, Carlton, Lamar, Richard, Ed, and Ben volunteered/Jimmy, Mike, Carlton, Lamar, Richard, Ed, and Ben volunteered). Corrections were made; Ben made a motion to approve all minutes; Lamar seconded; all were in favor.

Misinformation spread through community after election; candidates and their supporters created issues day of election; minor equipment issues. Amanda suggested to board that in August 2024 we revamp what is & is not allowed by candidates and supporters in regards to City of Gaffney Elections; which is the only election that seems to create issues at the polls. Ben asked if additional entrance into administration building could be open for non-workers on election nights.

This was the first election that new legislation regarding absentee-by-mail was required; ballot envelope now has to have witness printed name, witness signature, and witness address in order to be valid. For November 8, 2022 election we will be required to have Early Voting open Monday, October 24, through Saturday, November 5, from 8am-6pm (except Sundays). This will be November General Elections only.

Amanda reminded board, again, of December 2022 deadline for certification training. Also, board will be receiving email with additional security training that is required as well.

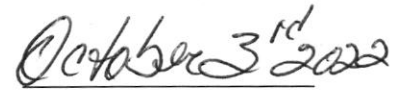
November 8, 2022 is next scheduled election; all precincts will be open; schools will be closed.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2022 @ 9am.

Amanda notified board of new job posting that will come out next week; she is dissolving two part-time positions into one full-time position.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn @ 9:45am; Ben seconded; all were in favor.


Carlton Bridges, Secretary


Date

*minutes recorded by Cassidy Nichols