

Cherokee County Voter Registration and Election Board

February 19th, 2019 - Minutes

Board members present - Richard Baines, Carlton Bridges Sr., Ed Elliott, Mike Byars, Doug Wilson, Jason Blanton, Randy Horon, Jimmy Cash

Board members absent - Lamar Bachelor

Call to Order - Richard Baines, Chairman

Amanda Walker - Director

Board members must complete their ethics report by March 30th. Ed asked Amanda to monitor ethics report activity to assure all members have submitted their reports. Board members must use county email going forward, no personal email for security purposes. All board members must take one class in Columbia to remain certified. Class is scheduled for May 15th. Amanda must take two classes for Director certification this year. All board members received a stipend increase. Amanda is planning to hire a part time employee by the end of March, 1500 hours per calendar year are available for this position. Hopefully new voting machines will be available for the 2020 election. The Governor of S.C. has allocated 60 million dollars of his proposed budget for new election equipment. The new machines will have the capability to print a ballot of the voters choices. If approved it will cost Cherokee County \$5500.00 to print ballots on the new voting machines. Election this year involving Cherokee County are on June 11th, for the Mayor of Chesnee and November 5th for School board 10 election in Spartanburg. This is called a Combined Election. Some residents of Cherokee County are eligible to vote in these two elections. We are responsible to get poll workers and secure the precincts. Election board must have one meeting a quarter going forward. The board held a retirement party for outgoing Director Suzanne Turner. The board wishes Suzanne all the best in her retirement.

Motion to adjourn meeting - Mike Byars

Second to adjourn - Jason Blanton

Submitted by Carlton Bridges Sr.- Secretary