

Cherokee County Voter Registration and Elections Board

Minutes for meeting held January 6, 2020 @ 10am

The following board members were present: Richard Baines, James "Ed" Elliot, Lamar Batchelor, Carlton Bridges, Jimmy Cash, Randy Horton, Doug Wilson, & Mike Byars

**also in attendance were Amanda Walker (Director) and Cassidy Nichols (clerk)

**board members absent: Jason Blanton

Call to order: Richard Baines @ 10am; Doug Wilson opened in prayer.

Minutes:

Last meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Doug Wilson and everyone agreed.

Amanda passed out State Ethics Laws and emphasized deadline and late fees.

ADA issues were discussed as follows:

*Blacksburg Ward 1 has been moved from the fire department to the Blacksburg Museum

*Pleasant Meadows has been moved from West End Baptist Church to BD LEE Elementary

*Ezell/Butler: Trying to move from New Pleasant Baptist Church to Crestview Baptist Church. If not possible, then voting will take place inside New Pleasant gym and a mat for uneven parking lot will be laid down, a portable ramp will be put up for access to building, and cones will be placed around drainage ditch.

*Antioch/Kings Creek: Looked at moving it to the fire department, but doorways are too small, no heat or air, no traffic flow within building, and parking lot needs repairs. Estimated cost to fix these things would be \$30,000. Decided to keep at community center and use a portable ramp until the community center board fixes the railing, ramp, and parking lot issues which they have said they were going to do in the near future. There are no other locations in that area available for use.

*Gaffney Ward 5: Working on solution for van accessible parking

Richard reiterated that the Election Board is responsible for addressing problems and that we are putting forth great effort with county council and state legislature to solve issues at hand.

Both trailers have arrived. Randy addressed the gap issue between enclosure and ramp when let down. He said he would come up with a solution.

Fourteen of the cages are here and we are in the process of ordering the rest of them. They will be here before February 29.

Amanda reiterated that we cannot post anything political on our social media accounts.

Ed is coming up with delivery routes. February will be trial and error. We will start delivery on Thursday and continue into Friday if needed. We need more hours from board members to help with packing, delivery, election day, and pickup. Richard, Randy, Ed, Doug, and Jimmy all said they could work most anytime.

Amanda requested a board member be here, at the administrative building, for absentee on Saturday, February 22. The job will consist of sitting out front and directing voters to office.

Amanda expressed need for more poll-workers across the board and the reason for so many training dates was to keep classes small and more effective.

Info in newspaper article from Friday, January 3, and today, January 6, was not given from this office. As of this meeting, the school board has still not notified our office of interpretation of policy and when that would mean election is held for seat #5. Our elections attorney has said that the school board attorney has to interpret that.

Handed out, and also emailed, all board meeting dates and/or certifications for the rest of the year.

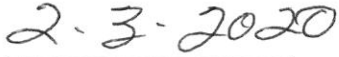
Randy inquired about state training directives. Amanda doesn't have those yet.

Amanda requested that the board members give her dates that they are unavailable to work.

Doug made a motion to adjourn @ 11:19am; all agreed.



Carlton Bridges, Secretary



Date

**minutes recorded by Cassidy Nichols-Clerk