

Cherokee County Voter Registration & Elections Canvass Meeting & Board Meeting

Minutes for meeting held June 16, 2022

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

**board members absent: Jerry Bridges

**also in attendance: Amanda Walker (director) & Cassidy Nichols (deputy)

Agenda was posted in accordance with SCFOIA

Awaiting information from SEC in Columbia, Amanda requested a 20-minute delay.

Call to order: Ed Elliott @ 9:20am; Ed opened in prayer.

Minutes:

Ed administered the oath to all board members present; Lamar administered oath to Ed.

Musgrove precinct had 2 failsafe ballots; voter was in wrong precinct; but voter had previously voted in Musgrove for the past 20 years because our office had mistakenly put them there and then in May 2022 the mistake was found due to redistricting and we changed them to their correct location; so, it was more of an ~~error~~ ^{error} on our part. Lamar made motion to accept; Mike seconded; all were in favor.

GW4 precinct had 1 failsafe; gentleman came in with ID and proof of address; Richard made a motion to accept; Ben seconded; all were in favor.

GW4 precinct had 1 provisional; voter did not appear; Richard made motion to deny; Lamar seconded; all were in favor.

Alma precinct had 7 provisional based on reasonable impediment (no ID); Richard made a motion to accept; Ben seconded; all were in favor.

Recessed at 9:30am in order to process provisionals; reconvened at 10am.

32 of 32 precincts were counted with a total of 5,680 votes cast.

SEC chose BW1 (House Dist. 30) and Macedonia (County Council 2) for hand-count audit. Audit was performed by Ben, Mike, Carlton, and Cassidy on 6.15.22. All results matched.

Richard made a motion to certify the Democratic Primary; Jason seconded; all were in favor; everyone signed.

Lamar made a motion to certify the Republican Primary; Ben seconded; all were in favor; everyone signed.

Richard made a motion to order a runoff election for County Council 2 seat; Jimmy seconded; all were in favor. SEC will issue if runoff is needed for State House Dist. 30 seat.

Ben made a motion to end canvass meeting and begin monthly board meeting @ 10:03 am; Mike seconded; all were in favor.

Richard made a motion to approve minutes from 5.2.2022; Mike seconded; all were in favor.

GW3 parking lot gates were locked so no one could view the results tape that were posted on door. Campaign sign issues all over the county but all were resolved well. Beltline precinct had to operate in the middle of a remodeling project, but we had no choice but to work around it.

Amanda updated the board on the new voting legislature that was passed on May 13, 2022; early voting, absentee by mail, felonies, etc. Amanda said she would email the full bill to all of the board members. All new laws and requirements will be implemented fully starting July 1, 2022.

Next scheduled election will be Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, which will include Gaffney City Council 2, 3, & 5; Blacksburg Town Council 1 & 2, & mayor; School Board 1, 3, 5, & 7; Board of Public Works 1 & 2.

Board members were again reminded that their certification classes have to be completed by 12.31.22

Next scheduled board meeting will be August 12, 2022 and include the canvass of August 9 election.

State ordered recount of State House Dist. 30 for Friday, June 17 @ 3pm, which will include 23 precincts. Amanda said she would like to have 11 people present to help administer ballots into DS200(s); she would need 5 board members to certify recount; Jimmy, Richard, Lamar, Ed, and Carlton agreed to stay for certification.

Amanda also asked for help with delivery, pickup, and election day for runoff scheduled 6.28.22. Jimmy, Ben, Mike, Carlton, Lamar, Richard, Ed, and ~~Ben~~ volunteered.

Amanda asked board for permission to combine some precinct locations due to Bible school activities at locations and/or lack of poll-workers. Board agreed.

Richard made a motion to adjourn @ 10:34am; Jimmy seconded; all were in favor.

Carlton Bridges Sr.
Carlton Bridges, Secretary

June 16th, 2022
Date

**minutes recorded by Cassidy Nichols