



CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS

Minutes for Meeting held Monday, May 1, 2023

Board members present: James "Ed" Elliott, Lamar Batchelor, Jason Blanton, Carlton Bridges, Jimmy Cash; Ben Taylor attended by phone.

Members absent: Jerry Bridges and 2 vacancies

*also in attendance was Amanda Walker (director) and Cassidy Nichols (deputy)

Agenda was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA

Call to order: 9am; Ed opened with prayer

Minutes:

Everyone received copies of minutes from 3.31.2023; Lamar made a motion to approve; Jason seconded; all were in favor.

Amanda informed board that the accessibility survey is due May 12 and that, this Wednesday, we will be visiting all precincts to ensure compliance. Alma will have to be moved due to water and power being cut off at the old Alma Elementary school. Amanda is looking for an alternate site; possibly fire department. Pleasant Meadows will most likely be moved from BD Lee Elementary School back to West End Baptist Church, due to space restrictions and after-hour power restrictions. Wilkinsville/Metcalf accessibility was solved recently due to them paving their parking lot.

House Bill H-4350 has passed the House and is awaiting a vote from the Senate. If passed, we will be changing a few of our precinct lines in order to "straighten out the oddness of the lines". House Bill H-3734 has passed the House and is awaiting a vote from the Senate; if passed, our municipal elections will move from August of even years to July or November of odd years; which means we could have a municipal election this year.

On April 25, our office shredded 140 boxes of past election records (2012-2019) per retention schedule and sent documentation of items destroyed to the State Archives.

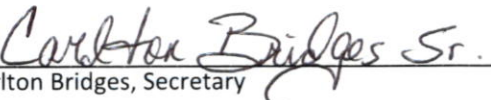
Amanda reminded board that all classes are to be completed, in-person, in Columbia, by December 31.

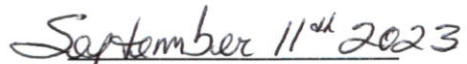
A neighboring county was just affected by ransomware. Amanda emphasized the importance of being very careful and vigilant when opening emails.

Amanda informed everyone that we are still waiting on the 2 vacancies to be filled on our board.

Next scheduled board meeting is July 3, 2023.

Jimmy made a motion to adjourn @ 9:20am; Lamar seconded; all were in favor.


Carlton Bridges, Secretary


Date

*minutes recorded by Cassidy Nichols