

## **Cherokee County Voter Registration and Elections Board**

Minutes for meeting held November 7, 2019 @ 10am

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

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

**Call to order:** Richard Baines-Chairman @ 10:03am

### **Minutes:**

Copies of August minutes were passed out and looked over. Ed made a motion to approve and Mike seconded that motion; everyone agreed.

Canvass of Spartanburg County School Board District 2, Seat 10 Election was done. Amanda passed out copies of election reports which included voter turnout and elections made in each precinct that participated. A hand-count of Morgan precinct was done in order for audit to be completed for the State Board of Elections. Ed Elliot called the names of each candidate voted for, while Richard, Doug, and Cassidy each made tally marks. All totals matched the computer-generated reports.

Elected officers for the next two-year term. Mike suggested keeping the same officers in place. Doug made a second; everyone agreed. Current officers also agreed to fill those positions again. The officers for the 2020-2022 Cherokee County Voter Registration and Elections Board are as follows: Richard Baines-Chairman, James "Ed" Elliott-Vice Chairman, and Carlton Bridges-Secretary

Delivery and pick-up of election equipment went smoothly considering 11/7/19 was the very first election for this new process. Jimmy and Randy said that they had no issues and the elections office reported no issues from their side as well. Amanda informed board that the Roads & Bridges dept. will continue to deliver and pick-up for all future elections. Board members will be asked to rotate with each other and accompany drivers during delivery and pick-up to ensure equipment safety. Logistics on driving routes also need to be figured out before next election since all 29 precincts will be involved. Briefly discussed voting issues that arose in Spartanburg and Greenville counties concerning machines.

Amanda passed out copies of the Protection & Advocacy for People with Disabilities booklet which included a Cherokee County precinct that was not ADA compliant. Discussed issues present at several of our precincts. Amanda expressed the importance of getting these issues corrected in a timely manner before Disability board does another canvass of the area; gave

example of current Anderson County lawsuit. Amanda also explained that this is a statewide issue and that the county delegations have to be involved in the process of coming up with solutions to the problems.

Two 20' trailers have been approved for purchase but we are holding off until State decides about possible re-imbursements.

All elections for 2020 were reviewed and Amanda informed board of extra work involved by office to organize the Fire District Referendum.

Board meeting schedule for 2020 was reviewed and plans for a December 2019 meeting are in the works.

The need for more poll workers was discussed, as well as voter education opportunities out in the community.

Board members expressed need to formally thank Cherokee County Administrator-Steve Bratton, as well as County Council members for all of their support.

Amanda requested time off for herself in the month of December. Board approved.

Richard Baines made motion to adjourn; Jimmy Cash seconded; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:25am

*Carlton Bridges Sr.*

*1-6-2020*

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Carlton Bridges, Board Secretary

Date

\*\*minutes recorded by Cassidy Nichols (clerk)