



## CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS

Minutes for canvass and meeting held Thursday, February 8, 2024

The following board members were present: James "Ed" Elliott, Jerry Bridges, Ben Taylor, Lamar Batchelor, Jimmy Cash, Jason Blanton; Carlton Bridges; and Stephen Fowler;

\*\*absent members: vacancy

\*\*also in attendance: Cassidy Nichols (interim director); Hannah Whiteside (clerk); and Mary Beth White (clerk)

Agenda was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA

Call to order: 9:00am; Ed opened in prayer.

Minutes:

Cassidy administered the oath to all board members.

There were no provisional ballots cast in the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary.

At 9:02am Cassidy went to the Election Ware room to print the official results for the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary (22096). She returned at 9:05am with copies for each board member. There were 539 ballots cast: 272 on election day, 261 during early vote, and 6 absentee ballots.

For the Hand Count Audit, the state chose day one of early vote from one of two DS200s, Ashworth, Ezell/Butler, and Morgans precincts. The results matched.

Lamer made a motion to certify the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary (22096); Jimmy seconded; all were in favor.

No recounts or run-offs were needed.

At 9:08am Jerry made a motion to end the canvass meeting and begin the monthly board meeting; Stephen seconded; all were in favor.

Ben made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled meeting on January 8, 2024; Lamar seconded; all were in favor.

Cassidy notified the board that the person interested in the vacancy is no longer interested and therefore there is still a vacancy needing to be filled. Ed added the state is looking for someone who is a member of the minority party in Cherokee County (as of now, democratic).

Cassidy reminded the board of Ethics, which is due for each board member by March 30, 2024. The board also received a handout on Ethics.

For election day concerns, Jerry suggested for the Republican Presidential Preference Primary (22097), the office call Mr. Coggins at Blacksburg High School ahead of delivering equipment. Ben added that the trailer used to carry equipment had been damaged during the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary. The damage was done to the door by wind. Cassidy informed the board that Jimmy Pruitt, from the maintenance department, is in the process of getting the door to the trailer fixed.

For the upcoming Republican Presidential Preference Primary: Jerry volunteered to deliver equipment, Jason, Ed, and Lamar volunteered to work election day, Ben and Stephen volunteered to pick up equipment. Carlton volunteered to put out signage the day before the election around 4pm. Ed volunteered to be a back-up for Carlton. Ed and Lamar volunteered to work election night.

Ed welcomed the new temporary employee, Mary Beth White, to the Voter Registration Office.

Cassidy informed the board that the State Election Commission is offering a June Primary workshop for board members on April 15, 2024. She also informed the board that Ed, Hannah, and herself would be attending the upcoming SCARE conference from March 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>.

Carlton Bridges Sr.  
Carlton Bridges, Secretary

2-29-2024  
Date

\*\*minutes recorded by Hannah Whiteside