



CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS

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Minutes for canvass and meeting held Thursday, June 13, 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 Snuggs (clerk); and Mary Beth White (clerk)

Agenda was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA

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

Minutes:

Cassidy administered the oath to all board members.

There was one provisional ballot at Draytonville precinct on election day due to an expired ID. The voter neglected to rectify her issued by the 9:00 am deadline. Lamar made a motion to not approve the provisional ballot; Ben seconded; all were in favor.

For the Hand-Count Audit, the state chose the following precincts: Alma (REP County Council 6), Ezells/Butler (REP County Council 3), and Gaffney Ward 3 (REP County Council 4), as well as the first day of Early Vote (DEM County Council 1). All totals matched.

At 9:06am Cassidy went to the Election Ware room to print the official results for the Statewide Primary (22121) with Lamar as witness. She returned at 9:15am with copies for each board member. There were 2,824 ballots cast. REP County Council District 3 had a total of 1,361 votes cast. 733 for Donnie Hardin and 628 for Quay Little. REP County Council District 4 had a total of 487 votes cast. 161 for Steph Smith and 326 for Tim Spencer. REP County Council District 6 had a total of 480 votes cast. 214 for Gregg Patterson and 266 for David Smitty Smith. There were 2 undervotes. DEM County Council District 1 had a total of 486 votes cast. 252 for Teresa Corry Bonner and 234 for Lyman Dawkins Jr. There were 8 undervotes. Jimmy made a motion to certify the Democratic primary; Jerry seconded; all were in favor. Ben made a motion to certify the Republican primary; Stephen seconded; all were in favor.

No recounts or run-offs were needed.

At 9:20am Jerry made a motion to end the canvass meeting and begin the monthly board meeting; Jimmy seconded.

Jimmy made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular scheduled board meeting on May 6, 2024. Stephen seconded; all were in favor.

There were no election day concerns. Cassidy informed the board election day went very smoothly and gave contribution to board members, staff, and the poll workers.

At 9:29am, the board meeting was paused due to an interruption by an office staff member needing Cassidy's assistance. She returned and the meeting resumed at 9:36am.

Cassidy reminded the board of the upcoming election on August 13, 2024 – The City of Gaffney, Board of Public Works, Cherokee County School Board, and the Town of Blacksburg. She also reminded them filing for these offices closes today (June 13, 2024) at noon.

Lamar, Jason, Ed, and Ben volunteered to work election day on August 13, 2024. Stephen volunteered to deliver equipment the day before the election, August 12, 2024. Jimmy volunteered to pick up the election equipment the day after, August 14, 2024.

Due to three board members not being able to attend the next regular scheduled board meeting, Monday, July 1, 2024, Ben made a motion to cancel the meeting; Jason seconded; all were in favor.

At 9:45 Lamar made a motion to adjourn; Jason seconded.

Carlton Bridges Sr.
Carlton Bridges, Secretary

August 16th, 2024
Date

**minutes recorded by Hannah Whiteside Snuggs