

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

October 15, 2024 – November 1, 2024

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The Special Called meeting, of the Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration was held at the Office of Elections and Voter Registration at 825 Memorial Drive at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Attending were: Vice Chairman James Newland presiding; Dexter Wimbish, and Jim O'Brien. Also present were Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter, Attorney Stephanie Windham and Kelly Romero to record minutes.

Call to Order – Vice Chairman James Newland called meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

Invocation/Moment of Silence – Invocation was given by James Newland.

Pledge to the Flag – Pledge was led by Jim O'Brien.

Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter sent out an email about 6:10 p.m. on Friday evening to update the Board on the following information. We received a gray bag from the Secretary of State's Office with approximately 120 voter registration applications on Friday evening that the State had received but had not been able to mail out to us. Yesterday, two office workers, Sandy Hardy and Mary Passmore, went to Green County to pick up another package of voter registration applications they had received since the gray bag had been deployed to county offices. That package had approximately 75 applications. Election Supervisor Slaughter stated that the applications had begun being entered but we started receiving an error message when attempting to transfer voters into our county. A Reif ticket was issued. A Reif ticket is what we send when we are having problems with the GARVIS system.

Mrs. Slaughter also commented that the poll pads on Friday were tested to look at absentee voters, those issued and those received to make sure the data appeared to have loaded correctly. We also checked a couple of felons and deceased voters. It does warn you that if you try to process a felon and if you try to process a deceased voter it tells you they are ineligible. Ms. Slaughter simply wanted the Board to be aware that Poll Pads did reflect this information as well.

There were no questions regarding either of these topics.

It was discussed that an Executive Session was not needed.

Stephanie Windham advised that Judge Ben Miller will be assigned to the entire circuit. She doesn't feel that there is a need to change the judge, but if so that Judge Rhonda Kreuziger would be a quick option if needed.

James Newland sees no need to look for a different judge as he advised that as the Board Member the Superior Court Judges appoint that he did not have a personal relationship with any of the Superior Court Judges.

Stephanie Windham advised they don't have enough facts to back up an affidavit.

Dexter Wimbish advised that if someone challenges them that he believes the challenge will go forth whether a different Judge is appointed or not.

James Newland read the following:

THIS MEETING IS INTENDED TO COMPLY WITH HB 769 REQUIRING 24-HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION. THE MEETING MAY BE RECESSED AFTER ITS CALL TO ORDER AT 7:30 AM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024, AND RECONVENE AT ANY TIME ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2024 IF THERE IS BUSINESS REQUIRED TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD DURING THE PERIOD OF ADVANCE VOTING. ANY RECONVENING OF THE BOARD DURING THE DATES PROVIDED WILL REQUIRE THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM. AS MUCH NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AS IS PRACTICABLE WILL BE GIVEN. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE POSTED ON THE DOOR OF THE SPALDING COUNTY OFFICE OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION, PROVIDED TO THE LEGAL ORGAN AND LOCAL RADIO STATIONS, AND POSTED ON THE SPALDING COUNTY WEBSITE AT SPALDINGCOUNTY.COM.

Kim Slaughter advised she place a notice on the door and send a notice to Cheryl Burks with the County to post on the website, as well as post on social media to advise the public if a session is required. Kim advised once we send these notices to the county, it is beyond our control when the notices are posted. Stephanie Windham advised she would place a call with Cheryl and let her know anything received by the Elections Office should take priority.

James Newland recessed the meeting at 7:47 a.m.

November 1, 2024

The Special Called meeting of the Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration was reconvened at the Office of Elections and Voter Registration at 825 Memorial Drive at 6:15 pm. on Friday, November 1, 2024. Attending were: Chairman Ben Johnson, presiding: James Newland, Roy McClain, Dexter Wimbish and Jim O'Brien. Also present were Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter, Attorney Stephanie Windham and Kelly Romero to record minutes.

Call to Order – Chairman Johnson called meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

This is a reconvening of the previous meeting to adjourn said meeting.

Mrs. Slaughter gave a quick update on AIP and ABM numbers.

She also advised that Monday Early Processing will begin at 1:30 pm until completion.

November 5th Early Processing will begin at 2:00 pm and will go until 5:00 pm and Tuesday tabulating will go from 5 to 7 and all parties have been notified.

Motion to adjourn meeting by James Newland, second by Jim O'Brien, carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Chairman Ben Johnson

Vice-Chair James Newland

Kim Slaughter, Elections Supervisor