

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

November 5, 2024 – November 12, 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 on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Attending were Chairman Ben Johnson presiding, Board Members James Newland and Jim O'Brien. Also present were Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter, Attorney Stephanie Windham and Kelly Romero to record minutes.

Call to Order – Chairman Ben Johnson called meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

Invocation/Moment of Silence – Invocation was given by Jim O'Brien.

Pledge to the Flag – Pledge was led by James Newland

Adoption of the Agenda – Motion made by James Newland, Second by Jim O'Brien, 3-0

No new Business

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 10:16 AM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 AND RECONVENE AT ANY TIME ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 12, 2024 IF THERE IS BUSINESS REQUIRED TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD DURING THE PERIOD OF ELECTION DAY AND VOTER CERTIFICATION. 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.

Motion to Recess made by James Newland, seconded by Jim O'Brien, 3-0 at 10:19 a.m.

November 8, 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 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2024. Attending were: Chairman Ben Johnson, presiding: James Newland, Dexter Wimbish, Roy McClain and Jim O'Brien. Also present were Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter, Attorney Stephanie Windham.

Call to Order – Chairman Johnson called meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

This is a reconvening of the previous meeting to discuss the ongoing Board Mandated Hand Count for the November 5, 2024 General Election.

New Business –

Elections Supervisor Kimberly Slaughter requested the ceasing of the November 5, 2024 General Election Board Mandated Hand Count.

Discussion held about pros and cons of ceasing the Hand Count along with public opinion.

James Newland made the motion to continue the Hand Count as soon as Elections Supervisor Kimberly Slaughter thought was appropriate so that staff and Poll Workers could enjoy a three day weekend due to continuous long hours and workdays.

Jim O'Brien seconded the motion.

Motioned carried 3-2, opposing Roy McClain and Dexter Wimbish.

November 12, 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 10:28 a.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Attending were: Chairman Ben Johnson, presiding: James Newland, Dexter Wimbish and Jim O'Brien. Also present were Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter, Attorney Stephanie Windham and Sandra Hardy to record minutes.

Call to Order – Chairman Johnson called meeting to order at 10:28 a.m.

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

Motion to adjourn meeting made by James Newland, second by Dexter Wimbish, carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Ben Johnson, Chairman

Kimberly Slaughter, Elections Supervisor