

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
Regular Monthly Minutes
April 8, 2025

The Regular meeting of the Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration was held at the County Courthouse Annex, 119 East Solomon Street at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. In attendance: Co-Chairman James Newland, presiding Dexter Wimbish (arrived at 6:05 p.m.) and Chris Piland. Also present were Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter, Attorney Stephanie Windham and Kelly Romero to record minutes.

Call to Order – Co-Chairman James Newland called meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Invocation/Moment of Silence – Invocation was given by Chris Piland.

Pledge to the Flag – Pledge was led by Dexter Wimbish.

Citizen Comment – No citizen comments.

Adoption of the Agenda –

Motion/Second by Dexter Wimbish/Chris Piland

Motion Passed :3-0

Voted for: James Newland, Dexter Wimbish and Chris Piland

Approval of Minutes: Approval of February 11, 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes-

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Motion Passed :3-0

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Election Supervisor Report –

Election Calendar:

- Spalding 2025 Elections include:
 - Polling Precincts have been informed.
 - Scheduling of Poll Officers for both Election Day and Advance Voting is in process.
- Number of Qualified Candidates per District.
 - PSC District 2: (1) Democrat (2) Republicans
 - PSC District 3: (4) Democrats (1) Republican
- Poll Worker Training is scheduled beginning May 1st ending on May 6th.
- Advance Voting Dates and Times
 - May 27-31 (Tuesday – Saturday) Monday is a holiday.
 - June 2 – 7 (Monday – Saturday)
 - June 9 – 13 (Monday – Friday)
 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Daily
- July 15th, 2025 (Very Possible) Special Public Service Commission Primary Run-Off Election
- November 4th, 2025 – General Municipal Election & Public Service Commission
 - City of Griffin – Commission Districts 1, 3, 5 and 6 up for Election.
 - City of Orchard – Councilman (1) Seat.
 - Public Service Commission General Election

- A quick review of the difference in the Application for Absentee by Mail as opposed to past Elections. Press Release has been submitted.
 - **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ELDERLY AND IDSABLED VOTERS REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL:** ***Please phone our office should you have any questions. *** Per the Georgia Secretary of State Elections Division: Voters who are elderly and disabled are normally entitled to make one absentee application, which rolls over to all elections in the cycle. However, for any special primary, special primary runoff, special election, or special election runoff; voters in this category are required to file separate and distinct applications for an absentee ballot. Any elderly and disabled voter as described in O.C.G.A § 21-2-381 (a) (1) (G), and SEB Rule 183-1-14-.01 (1) and (2) will have to request and absentee ballot for the special primary on June 17th, possible special primary runoff on July 15th, special election on November 4th, and possible special election on December 2nd. James Newland asked what age a voter is considered elderly at. Kim Slaughter replied at the age of 65 and up.

Financial Update:

- Kim Slaughter met with the Board of Commissioners on April 2nd, 2025 and answered any questions concerning the FY 2026 Fiscal Budget.
- A conversation took place about the renovation of the newly acquired office space. It is the majority of the Board of Commissioners and the County Administration consensus to have the renovation completed prior to the May Gubernatorial Primary Election to be held next year.
- Since learning of the results of the qualifying held for Public Service Commission, there will be an addition to the line item of Election Expense for the very possible July 15th, 2025, Primary Runoff. Mrs. Slaughter has contacted Assistant County Manager Erica Dye and informed her of this addition.
- A financial printout was given to the Board members. Balance to date is \$42,182.33. Mrs. Slaughter reminded the Board that two line items were added to the FY Budget 2025 which was unexpected. Request for amendment to the FY 2025 Budget for the estimated cost of the June 2025 Special Primary has been sent to the County Administration for the approval of \$72,897.00.

Voter Registration Update: Presented by Sandra Hardy (Total number of Registered Voters as of 4-8-2025 is 54,414.)

Summary of all Processing:

- Transfers into Spalding County – 333
- New Voters – 159
- Within County Address Changes – 233
- Name Changes – 43
- Records with no change - 669

Spalding U: (Rescheduled for April 24th, 2025) – Board Invitation

- Our presentation will focus on the processes and procedures of Voter Registration and Elections and will shed light into the thorough – meticulously actions of which it involves.

Printing of Precinct Cards –

- It appears that the data roll-out for Precinct Cards for new voters and voters updating their information is catching up to our data processing. The last file received covered data 2/21/2025 to 3/16/2025 and was approved on 3/31/2025. Files should be generated from the State to KNOWiNK every two weeks.

Training –

- The Secretary of State has implemented an extra training course in addition to the annual GAVREO training. Sandra Hardy, Kelly Romero and Kim Slaughter will be attending this training in Paulding County which will be held on April 28-30.
- GAVREO will be held in Savannah August 10-13, 2025. Mrs. Slaughter will be sending information to the Board members in case any are interested in attending in person or virtually.

Reminder –

Kim will be out of the office May 9th – May 19th.

Old Business - None

New Business – Approval to reschedule the May Regular Monthly meeting to May 6, 2025, due to the Election Supervisor being out of town on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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Motion Passed :3-0

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Board Members Comments –

Dexter Wimbish – none

Chris Piland – none

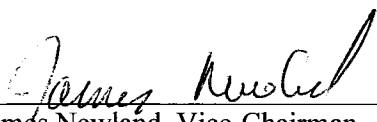
James Newland – The Board of Elections, for the past 4 years, with people like Jim O'Brien, has went a long way towards making Elections better for our Voters of Spalding County. James Newland thanked Kim Slaughter for her service. We are not perfect, and we have a way to go, for instance, we have our construction. He advised he must tell everyone that the progress we have made and what has been voted on by the Board was implemented by Mrs. Slaughter so we need to thank Kim for her hard work and for making things better for our voters. The process of Voting is easier and the office is so much better for our workers.

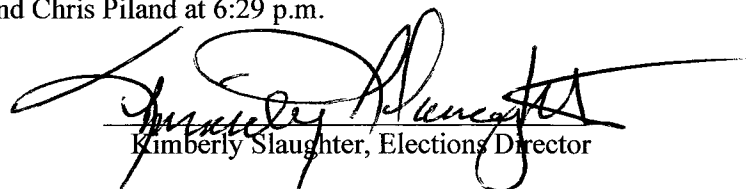
Adjournment –

Motion/Second by Chris Piland/Dexter Wimbish

Motion Passed :3-0

Voted for: James Newland, Dexter Wimbish and Chris Piland at 6:29 p.m.


James Newland, Vice-Chairman


Kimberly Slaughter, Elections Director