

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2025

The Regular monthly 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, May 6, 2025. In attendance: Co-Chairman James Newland presiding, Dexter Wimbish (arrived at 6:07 p.m.), Chris Piland and Lee Howell. Also present were Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter, Attorney John O'Neal (on behalf of Stephanie Windham), and Kelly Romero to record minutes.

Call to Order – Co-Chairman James Newland called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation/Moment of Silence – Invocation was given by Lee Howell.

Pledge to the Flag – Pledge was led by James Newland.

Citizen Comment – No citizen comments.

Adoption of the Agenda –

Motion/Second by Chris Piland/Lee Howell
Motion Passed :3-0
Voted for: James Newland, Chris Piland and Lee Howell

Approval of Minutes: Approval of April 8, 2025, Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes-

Motion/Second by Chris Piland/Lee Howell
Motion Passed :3-0
Voted for: James Newland, Chris Piland and Lee Howell

Election Supervisor Report –

- Spalding 2025 Elections include:
 - June 17th, 2025 Special Public Service Commission Primary
 - 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
 - Advance Voting Dates & Times:
 - May 27-31 (Tuesday – Saturday)
 - 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 4, 2025 – General Municipal Election & Public Service Commission
 - City of Griffin – Commission Districts 1,3,5, & 6 up for Election.
 - City of Orchard Hill – Councilman (1) Seat
 - Public Service Commission General Election
- Quick Review of the difference in the Application for Absentee by Mail as opposed to past Elections. – Press Release (Under General Tab)
 - IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED 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 an 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.

Financial Update:

- Financial printout – (General Tab).

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. Legal Fees were added after our 2025 budget was submitted.

Voter Registration Update: Presented by Sandra Hardy (Total number of Registered Voters as of 5/6/2025 is 54,575.)

Summary of all Processing:

- Transfers into Spalding County – 227
- New Voters – 151
- Within County Address Changes – 167
- Name Changes – 38
- Records with no change – 557
- Moved out of County – 18
- Pending 14

Board Member Chris Piland expressed concern about the amount of registered voters in comparison to the county's population. Kim Slaughter responded with concern as well and stated that is why we are paying close attention to the confirmation list maintenance being conducted by the Secretary of State's Election Division this year. The confirmation processes for this year as notified by the State are the following:

- No Contact
- Eric Cross State
- NCOA
- No activity for two general elections

List maintenance should address this issue, if not this will be something that will have to be taken up with the board. Mrs. Slaughter advised that she would keep the Board informed.

Spalding U Presentation:

- Our Staff worked tirelessly to ensure that a successful and enjoyable event was experienced by all Spalding U participants. I conducted a 35-minute presentation and then participants enjoyed a "behind the scenes" tour of the Voter Registration and Election processes and procedures within our facility. Kim Slaughter also thanked Chairman Ben Johnson for attending.

Logic & Accuracy Testing:

- We have completed Logic & Accuracy testing for Advance Voting and Election Day Precincts 1,2,3,5, and 6. The Board is welcome to come and watch.

Poll Worker Training

- There will be 68 Poll Workers to serve during the June 17, 2025 PSC Primary and Primary Run-off. 58 Poll Workers have completed their training which consist of 1 ½ hours of instruction and 1 ½ hours of Voting Equipment review.

Reminder –

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

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Board Members Comments –

Chris Piland – Gave thanks to Kim Slaughter and acknowledged the challenge of reworking and assigning Poll Workers to precincts. He stated that he looks forward to another successful election.

Dexter Wimbish – As always thanked the Staff for the tremendous job that they do.

Lee Howell – Thanked Kim and staff.

James Newland – Thanked the staff for a job well done with Spalding U.

Adjournment –

Motion/Second by Dexter Wimbish/Lee Howell

Motion Passed :4-0

Voted for: James Newland, Dexter Wimbish, Chris Piland and Lee Howell at 6:19 p.m.


James Newland, Vice-Chairman


Kimberly Slaughter, Elections Director