

**SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration was held at the Spalding County Courthouse Annex at 119 E Solomon St. Room 108 Griffin, GA 30223 at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2025. In attendance: Chairman Ben Johnson presiding, Dexter Wimbish, Chris Piland and Lee Howell. Not in attendance: James Newland. Also present were Elections Director Kim Slaughter, Attorney Stephanie Windham, and Kelly Romero to record minutes.

Call to Order – Chairman Ben Johnson called meeting to order at 6:03 pm

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

Pledge to the Flag – Pledge was led by Chris Piland

Citizen Comment – No citizen comments.

Adoption of the Agenda –

Motion/second by Lee Howell/Chris Piland

Motion passed: 4-0

Voted for: Chairman Ben Johnson, Chris Piland, Dexter Wimbish, and Lee Howell

Approval of Minutes: Approval of August 5, 2025, Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes-

Motion/Second by Chris Piland/Lee Howell

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voted for: Chairman Ben Johnson, Chris Piland, Dexter Wimbish, and Lee Howell

Election Supervisor Report –

Acknowledgement of Mary Passmore: Director Kim Slaughter acknowledged Office Assistant, Mary Passmore, for her completion of 5 years of service to the Spalding Board of Elections and Voter Registration. Mary was given a plaque as well as flowers and many poll officers attended to show their support and appreciation.

Voter Registration Update: Presented by Sandra Hardy (Total number of Registered Voters as of September 9, 2025 – 52,875.)

Summary of Processed files:

- New Voters – 319
- Transfers into County -451
- Address Change - 423
- Name Change - 76
- No Change – 1,296
- Vitals – 66
- Request to Cancel - 9

NGE Mailing – (No Activity for Two General Federal Elections) – 2,387 were mailed July 10, 2025. 40-day clock has expired. 816 voters were moved to cancelled status.

No Contact Mailing – 1353 were mailed July 22, 2025. 40-day clock has expired. 122 voters were moved to inactive status.

ERIC (Cross State/Moved Out of State)-SOS mailed out approximately 110 on August 21, 2025/Placed on 40-day clock if no response voter will be moved to inactive.

National Change of Address – Mailed from SOS on September 8, 2025, to the counties to be mailed to voters beginning September 11, 2025

REIF Tickets (Reporting Elections-Systems Issues Form) to the Secretary of State Elections Division –

- Voter Registration applicant signature missing- Resolved August 7, 2025
- Voter Registration applicant signatures were not correct-Resolved Sept 5, 2025

Card Audit Update – The office has completed 69% of the physical card audit.

Election Update

November 4, 2025 – General Municipal/Special Election – Public Service Commission

QUALIFIED CANDIDATES: City of Griffin, GA

- City Commission District 1: Ronnie Lowe and Cynthia Reid Ward (Incumbent)
- City Commission District 3: Holly Murray (Incumbent) and Dan Wulf
- City Commission District 5: Zachery Fuller and Truman L. Tinsley, III (Incumbent)
- City Commission District 6: Rodney McCord (Incumbent) and Jacqueline Tumbling
- **City of Orchard Hill, Ga – Council Seat (At Large): Bryan Hayes (Incumbent)**

City of Orchard Hill Election was cancelled as Bryan Hayes was the only candidate to qualify and is deemed as voted for himself.

Ballot Build – Second reading of the Election project file begins tomorrow, (9/10/2025), and there should be a project file by the end of next week.

Introduction of Elections Assistant – Stephanie Jones

Remodeling of newly acquired space: Director Kim Slaughter is continuing to work with LJA and the floor plans for the newly acquired space are a work in progress.

Announcements:

- We have a booth at the Kiwanis Fair as an outreach to the Spalding Community with Voter Registration and Election information.
- QR Code to be removed from ballots as of July 1, 2026.
- October's report will include an in-depth overview of knowledge gained by attending the GAVREO conference.

Old Business – Precinct Consolidation

- Director Slaughter gave her presentation on consolidating Spalding County from 17 precincts down to 9 precincts.
- The city would decrease from six precincts to two precincts.
- The county would decrease from 11 precincts to 7 precincts.
- There were some questions/suggestions brought up by Board Members regarding:
 - Member Chris Piland - Data ratios on other counties with precinct size and the number of voters.
 - Member Lee Howell - If we knew the number of people on the west side of the City of Griffin vs the east side.
 - Member Dexter Wimbish – Excellent Presentation
 - Member Dexter Wimbish - Notice requirements need to be run multiple times.
 - Member Dexter Wimbish - Being proactive in minimizing confusion by having a special Citizen Comment Session where citizens can come and voice their opinion for three minutes.
 - Member Chris Piland - Requested a timeline with key milestones and objectives as well.
 - Chairman Ben Johnson - November 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm the Citizen Comment Session will be held regarding the Precinct Consolidation.
 - Chairman Ben Johnson - December 9, 2025, The Board will vote on whether to pass the precinct consolidation proposal or not.

New Business – None

Board Members Comments –

Chairman Ben Johnson – Proposal was great. Chairman Ben loved the colors and believes this is pretty much a no brainer except for Precinct 8 and the positioning of their new polling location. He appreciated Kim Slaughter doing all the paperwork. Chairman Ben then welcomed Stephanie Jones and thanked Mary Passmore for sticking around for five years.

Dexter Wimbish – Stated to Office Assistant Mary Passmore, “Top Notch”

Lee Howell – Mary Passmore, we love you and appreciate everything you do for us; Kim this is a great plan, and I appreciate all your hard work toward it.

Chris Piland – Offered thanks. Mary Passmore is such a joy no matter what the business is of the office.

Adjournment –

Motion/Second by Chris Piland/Lee Howell

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voted for. Chairman Ben Johnson, Chris Piland, Dexter Wimbish, and Lee Howell at 7:20 pm



Ben Johnson, Chairman



Kim Slaughter, Elections Director