



# Floyd County Board of Elections and Registration

January 23, 2023

## Election Center

Caucus	5:00 PM
Meeting	6:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Elections and Registration Board Members Jerry Lee, Ralph Davis, Corey Townsend, Gary Stamper, Layla Shipman, Election Supervisor Akyn Bailey, County Attorney Virginia Harman.

- I. **Welcome** – Chair Lee called the meeting to order.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda** – Chairman Lee requested approval of the agenda. Motion to approve was made by Ralph Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Corey Townsend. Motion approved by committee.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Chairman Lee requested approval of the minutes. Motion to approve was made by Layla Shipman and 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Ralph Davis. Minutes approved by committee.
- V. **Election Supervisor Report** – Ms. Bailey presented her report. Voter training circuit to include 3 sessions. The dates scheduled are March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, June 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00am and 12:30pm (these sessions will include the same material), and November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. The purpose of these sessions will be for community outreach, to educate the community, and give confidence in the election office. There will be no age limit. Participants in all 3 sessions will receive a certificate of completion. The election office has hired Isaiah as fulltime Senior Election Tech. The County Commission has also approved one fulltime Election Tech. The job will be posted. Open Record Requests are over half-way fulfilled.
- VI. **County Attorney Report** - Ms. Harman presented her report. Ms. Harman thanked the Election Office for their hard work in processing the Open Records Requests. The Open Records Requests have increased from 55 requests county-wide in 2020 to 312 requests in 2022. The County has added an Open Records Request on the Floyd County website that requests can be processed. The portal is not the only way to make requests, but allows a real time account and tracking is easier.
- VII. **New Business** - Chairman Lee reported on the organization of the Election Office. Precincts will be addressed. We will look at the needs of each voting location. We will also form a committee to include Corey Townsend, Layla Shipman, and Akyn Bailey. The committee will look at the precincts and find ways to make the voting locations more accessible to voters. The committee will report back to the Election Board. Their findings will be shared with City and County Commission for input.



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- VIII. Public Participation** - Sandra Ledbetter thanked the Board for their hard work, especially Pam Peters for checking in with her precinct during the election. She suggested that the Board approve the purchase of 4 8-foot tables for use at the North Carolina Precinct. She also asked the Board to consider moving payroll to the Floyd County HR Department due to issues with poll workers being paid with current service. Wendy Davis thanked the Election Board and Office for their hard work.
- IX. Other Business**- There was no other business.
- X. Executive Session** - The Board moved into executive session.
- XI. Adjourn** — Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.