



Floyd County Board of Elections and Registration

May 16, 2023

Election Center

Caucus	5:30 PM
Meeting	6:00 PM

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

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Call to Order-** Chairman Lee called the meeting to order.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** – Layla Shipman made a motion to approve the agenda. A 2nd was made by Ralph Davis. Motion to approve the amended agenda was voted on by board by a vote of 4-0.
- V. **Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Chairman Lee requested a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Ralph Davis and a 2nd was made by Corey Townsend. Motion to approve was voted on by board by a vote of 4-0
- VI. **Old Business-** There was no old business to discuss.
- VII. **Election Supervisor Report** – Ms. Trudnak reported that she will be attending the Veteran's Association event on Thursday. Plans are to register voters and recruit poll workers. She also attended the League of Women Voters to speak to the organization. The next Voter Education series will be held on June 17, 2023. That event will be held at two different times 9:00am and 12:00pm. The office is gearing up for the November elections. The official call for the election has not been sent out at this time. GARVIS switch over has started. Lots of advantages with reporting. Roll out is going better than ENET. Some issues are still being worked through. The staff is doing great with the GARVIS system. The voter paper reconciliation is going great and we have other counties reaching out about our process. Open record requests are being fulfilled and the office is looking at ways to streamline the process.
- VIII. **County Attorney Report** – Ms. Harman stated that we are getting caught up on Open Records Requests. Great progress is being made with the assistance of the new clerk in the County Clerk's Office. She also reported that 2/3rd of Open Records Requests is with the Elections Office. Chairman Lee inquired about SB129 with Ms. Harman. Ms. Harman stated that it effected numerous portions of the Election Code and focused on tightening up some of the process. Ms. Trudnak said that Election



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Night reporting changed from 10:00pm to 11:59pm. These reports to the Secretary of State's office have never been a full report but it includes everything that has been completed up to that time. That includes absentee, early voting, and most precincts. Ms. Harman said we have been doing the audits since 2020 but now Statewide and Federal elections will require audits. The Secretary of State's Office will tell us which ones. Chairman Lee pointed out that it clarifies performance reviews. Ms. Harmon stated it left some questions on substance and what is process/procedures as well as what is subjective.

IX. New Business - Ms. Trudnak made her recommendation to not renew the warranty service through Dominion for our election machines, equipment and components. Layla Shipman made a motion to not renew the warranty contract with Dominion. Ralph Davis made a 2nd to the motion. Motion was approved 4-0. Ms. Trudnak reported that Precinct Committee has worked on making our precincts serve our voters more efficiently. The Committee included Corey Townsend and Layla Shipman. The Committee looked at our current precincts and tried to find ways to make it easier on all of the voters. The Committee will recommend changing precinct number down to 19 precincts. Some benefits of the changes will include the costs of poll workers, trucks, supplies, precinct rentals. OCGA reviews have been made regarding boundaries. Providing more combo precincts will help simplify and make voting more convenient. Coding of the combos is an easy process. Ralph Davis made a motion to move ahead with the next steps of the precinct plans. A 2nd was made by Corey Townsend. Discussion by the board included explaining the next steps. The precinct changes will be presented to the City and County as well as their attorneys to ensure there are no issues. Once they have looked over the new maps, there will be 2 public hearings for the public's input before a formal vote is taken. The board voted 4-0 to move forward with the Precinct Committee's recommendations.

X. Public Participation - Daniel Eason asked about issues that could arise from combining City and County precincts. Ms. Trudnak said that the Committee looked at demographic changes and annexation. She stated the Committee is looking to the future. Changes will only be where you vote and we code by street. It helps ensures voters are getting the correct ballot. Mr. Eason expressed concerns with poll watching and the voter that comes to an open precinct, but doesn't understand why they can't vote in a city election. Ms. Trudnak reminded Mr. Eason that voters do have rights and responsibilities to be an educated voter. Mr. Eason thinks we are weighing practical to voters who do not know if they live or vote in county or city.

XI. Other Business- There was no other business.



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- XII. Adjourn** — Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.