

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
1st Absentee Board meeting for 5 November 2024 General Election
Tuesday, 1 October 2024 5:00pm

Participants: Melanie Thibault, Judy Fritts, Kathy Tinsley, Gary Dills, Lynne Garrison, and John Vanhook. Mr Gillette was unable to attend.

Observers: None

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 5 PM

Business:

1. Approve minutes from 11 September 2024, meeting: Ms. Garrison made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Vanhook seconded the motion, and the Board approved the minutes unanimously.
2. Pay for Chief Judges: Mr. Dills made a motion to pay precinct Chief Judges \$20 for the return of election materials to the courthouse on election day and during one-stop voting. If law enforcement or another official entity returns the material, the Board would not pay the Chief Judge. Currently, the Board pays the Chief Judge \$20 for taking the materials to the precinct but does not pay the Judge to return the materials. Ms. Garrison seconded the motion, and the Board approved the motion unanimously.
3. Invoices: The Board reviewed seven invoices, and the Chair signed all. The invoices follow:
 - a. DAVENPORT (replace outdated computer for voter ID) \$1127.00.
 - b. HART (1st set of coding) \$533.75.
 - c. HART (2nd set of coding) \$533.75.
 - d. HART (Thermal rolls of paper for verity machines) \$56.81.
 - e. AMAZON (Supplies for early voting \$209.71.
 - f. AMAZON (supplies for early voting) \$148.85.

g. FEDEX (shipping the keys to HART) \$167.68.

4. Absentee Ballots review: The Board reviewed 41 ballots. Mr. Dills made a motion to approve one military ballot, nine overseas ballots, and 29 civilian ballots for a total of 39 approved, with two disapproved (due to voters not including a photo ID image). The staff will contact the voters to cure the ballots. Ms. Garrison seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved. The Director opened the polls with the Board noting a zero count on the tallying machine. The Director, observed by Ms. Garrison and Mr. Vanhook, entered the ballots into the machine. After entering the ballots, the counter read 39 ballots voted.
5. Budget review: The Board reviewed the year-to-date budget report noting that we are on the expected spending path.
6. Adjourn: With no further business, Mr. Dills made a motion to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, 8 October at 5 PM. Mr. Vanhook seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.