

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
ABSENTEE BOARD MEETING
Monday, 4 March 2024 per General Statute

Participants: Melanie Thiebault, Judy Fritts, Kathy Tinsley, Gary Dills, Lynne Garrison, John Vanhook and Jeff Gillette.

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

1. Minutes from 27 February 2024: Ms. Garrison made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Tinsley seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. Attachment 1

2. Contracts: The Board reviewed three contracts involving L&A testing and delivery of voting systems (see below). Mr. Dills made a motion to accept all three contracts for this election cycle. Mr. Gillette seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. Contracts follow (attachments 2, 3, 4):

- Ms. Judy Fritts and Mr. John Williams for L&A testing.
- Mr. Todd Seagle and Mr. Jesse Seagle for delivery of voting equipment to the precincts.

3. Absentee ballots review: The Staff provided 42 absentee ballots for review: two with no ID pending Board review; two pending confirmation of ID or exception form; one overseas ballot; and 37 civilian ballots. As of today, we have provided 220 absentee ballots to voters. The Board members reviewed each ballot envelope. Mr. Vanhook made a motion to accept all ballots. Ms. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. Mr. Dills and Ms. Tinsley observed Ms. Garrison enter the ballots into the voting machine. The beginning count on the machine was 77. At the end of the ballot input of 37 mail in ballots, one overseas ballot and four other Board approved ballots ($37+1+4=42$), the machine count read 119. Mr. Williams suspended the poll.

4. Election Day activities: Board members volunteered to deliver documents to the precincts on election day (delivery prior to 10 AM). Ms. Tinsley will visit Cartoogechaye and Nantahala; Ms. Garrison will visit Cowee, Iotla and Burningtown; Mr. Gillette will visit Union and Millshoal; Mr. Vanhook will visit North Franklin, South Franklin and East Franklin; and Mr. Dills will visit Sugarfork, Ellijay, Smithbridge, Highlands and Scaly Mountain.

5. Ballot delivery: Mr. Dills made a motion to have the Sheriff's department pick up election day ballots/disk drive, etc. (all secured in a locked and sealed container) from

Nantahala precinct and deliver to the Board of Elections office. Mr. Gillette seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

4. Adjourn: With no further business, Mr Dills made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, 5 March 2024 at 7:30 PM. Ms. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. The Board adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Attachments

1. Minutes from 27 February 2024
2. Contract with Judy Fritts
3. Contract with John Williams
4. Contract with Todd Seagle and Jesse Seagle