



Hart County Board of Elections and Registration
182 Cade Street, Suite B, Hartwell, GA 30643
August 10, 2023 9:30am
Draft Minutes

Board Members: *Garry Hamilton, Board of Elections, Pamela Gordon, Board of Elections, Dottie Williams, Board of Elections*

Election Coordinator/Staff: *Robin Webb, Lacey Brown*

Guest: *Tim Roberts, Sue Ackerman, Matt Denton*

Meeting Called to Order: Chairman, Garry Hamilton at 9:30 am

Welcome: Chair, Garry Hamilton

Agenda Approved:

- Motion to approve agenda by Member Gordon
- 2nd by Williams
- All approved 3-0

Minutes Approved:

- Motion to approve January 30, 2023 by Member Williams
- 2nd by Member Gordon
- All approved 3-0

Chairman Report:

Old Business:

- Certification
 - Board Members are excused from receiving in-person EMS Training to be certified.
 - Member Williams is currently completing online certification.
 - Member Gordon has completed online certification.
- Dominion/Knowink/Voting equipment upgrades
 - Equipment upgrades discussed in the January meeting have been postponed by SOS at this time.

New Business:

- Budget
 - Members received copy of 2024 Budget worksheet that has been submitted to County Administrator, Terrell Partain
 - Explanations were offered for individual line items.
- Personnel
 - A request has been made to increase part-time position hours to 29 hours a week.
- Advance Voting Location
 - Seeking alternate Advance Voting location for 2024.

- Equipment Security/ DHS Inspection
 - This inspection replaces the upgrade that has been postponed.
 - In response, Member Williams made a motion to direct the county attorney to seek a court order through the Superior Court to direct the county administrator to obtain a forensic copy of the data on the EMS server before any equipment updates, changes, or replacements.
 - Seconded by Member Gordon
 - Discussion included that this motion was to replace a similar motion in January due to the postponement of the original system upgrade.
 - All approved 3-0
- Equipment needs.
 - Additional BMD units will need to be purchased to comply with O C G A 21-2-367(b)(1).
- 2023 Election
 - Election Coordinator requested the use of social media for education and information purposes.
 - Member Gordon made a motion to set up social media accounts for the department for education and informational purposes.
 - Seconded by Member Williams
 - All in favor 3-0
 - Member Williams asked for an update on the implementation of GARViS, the Georgia Voter Registration System.
 - Staff agreed that most problems were minor inconveniences rather than major issues that affect the voter registration rolls. However, all data entry is checked to confirm accuracy by office staff.
- Recall
 - Board of Elections and Registration received a recall petition application for two officers on the Bowersville Town Council.
 - Application has been filed with the Clerk of Court.
 - The signatures of the sponsors have been verified.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 11:04 am by Member Gordon
- Seconded by Member Williams
- All in favor 3-0

Approved _____

Garry Hamilton, Chairman, Dottie Williams, Board of Elections, Pamela Gordon, Board of Elections, Robin Webb, Elections Coordinator, Lacey Sanders, Elections Clerk