



# WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

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July 17, 2023

COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION REGULAR MEETING  
MAUNEY BUILDING, Community and Economic Development MEETING ROOM  
MONDAY June 5, 2023, 9:00 AM

## MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER. Chair Louise Nix, 9:00 AM.
2. ROLL CALL. Secretary Russell Mobley: Chair Louise Nix, Vice Chair Todd Marks, Mike Mays, Lorie Crumley, Secretary Russell Mobley present.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Chair Nix.
4. INVOCATION. Chair Nix.
5. RECOGNITION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MEDIA. Chair Nix. Samantha Sinclair (Editor White County News present).
6. CONSIDER ADOPTING THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

- Regular Meeting Held – May 1, 2023. Mike Mays made motion to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Todd Marks. Motion passed unanimously; minutes approved.

7. OLD BUSINESS. Elections Supervisor Jody Davis and Voter Registrar Derek LaPerriere.

- Roll out of GARViS, Training and Scanning Progress, Printing of Precinct Cards.
  - GARVIS. Secretary of State continues to work on completing full implementation of GARVIS. White County BOER staff is waiting on report confirming “fixes” have been accomplished. As a result of this situation: Printing of precinct cards for Blue Creek cannot be done; Confirmation notices for changes as submitted to Secretary of State have not been printed (affects approximately 50 voters). This situation affects a number of Counties in addition to White County. BOER staff expects Secretary of State and Outside Tech Firm responsible for system to complete a solution in near future.
  - Scanning Progress. Scanning of all active and inactive voter registration cards has been completed. Only 5,000 cancelled voter registration cards remain to be done to complete this project. An audit of voter registration records was performed by BOER staff as part of the scanning project. A number of errors (50-100) were found and corrected as a result of this effort.
  - BOE Budget. Annual budget request reduced by \$20,000 (Approx. 7%). Impact is reduced travel, rent, and equipment shelving. Training budget cut substantially. BOER staff will attend training sharing with BOER to keep Board up to date on pertinent training information.
- After Action Review of Block Party. BOE was well received by attendees receiving positive reviews.

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### **2022-2023 Board Members:**

**Louise Nix**, Chairman of the Board • **Todd Marks**, Vice Chairman of the Board  
**Russell Mobley**, Secretary of the Board • **Mike Mays**, Board Member • **Lorie Crumley**, Board Member

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- Announcement by SOS, Election Division concerning onsite inspections, and Upgrading the Voting machines Operating Systems.
  - SOS announced in May it would postpone upgrade of current election system software (provided by Dominion) for 18 months.
  - SOS in conjunction with DHS will perform an inspection of all 159 Counties' physical security arrangements of voting systems equipment. BOE staff anticipates this to be done this summer.
- Plans to increase the physical security posture of Elections office. County IT staff will install an electronic fob system for all exterior and selected interior doors. Current plan is to complete this summer.
- Advance Voting Hours. Elections Office received request to expanding hours for Early Voting periods for upcoming elections. BOE staff will review voting schedule and report to BOER with recommendation. Report of voter turnout for 2022 election attached.
- SOS Student Ambassador Program. Potential for providing additional outreach and training of White County High School students in government administration and the elections process. This is a separate program from the DCT and ESD programs, which BOER staff are currently working with White County High School. SOS Student Ambassador Program information attached.
- Third Party Voter Registration Guide. Training for private entity registration drives. Copy attached.

**9. REGISTRAR'S REPORT OF REGISTERED VOTERS.** Derek LaPerriere. Reports providing Voter Registrations for May, Year to Date totals, and Challenged Voters. Copy of reports attached.

**10. OPEN RECORD REPORT – 1. Names of Board of Elections Members**

**11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** None.

**12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS.**

- a** Mike Mays provided update on status of Town Creek Precinct. Items to be addressed must be completed 60 days before the March 2024 election.
  - i** BOER discussed options for the precinct. Russell Mobley stated that there was an understanding that members of BOC had suggested BOER consider consolidating some precincts (Helen and Robertstown) to improve service and reduce overall costs. BOER to monitor progress of this effort and coordinate with County Manager to ensure BOC is kept apprised.
- b** Russell Mobley requested details of Georgia Elections Board Chair William Duffey meeting with NE Georgia Elections Officials June 15<sup>th</sup>. Meeting to be held 10:00 AM in Clayton. Details to be provided.

**13. FUTURE MEETING DATE(S)**

- Regularly Scheduled Meeting - 07/10/2023

**14. ADJOURN.** Russell Mobley made motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Mays. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 10:16 AM.

**Attachments:** Registrar's May Report, Advanced Voting Turnouts, and Third-Party Registration Guide,