

**MADISON COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
DECEMBER 7, 2021
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tracy Dean, Chairperson
Rebecca Scott
Nathan Owens

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Teresa Hilburn

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Quinn
Dave Ramsey

Chairperson Tracy Dean called in to order the regular meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections and Registration at 5:30 p.m., December 7, 2021, in the Board of Elections and Registration office located at 20 Albany Ave., Danielsville, GA.

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes

With no additions or corrections, the minutes stand.

Chairperson's Report

The Coroner will not be moving in to the BOER office.

The November 30th runoff went smoothly with no issues. The costs to the cities are as follows: City of Carlton-\$2618.40; City of Colbert-\$2745.52.

The notice to Contest the November 2, City of Comer Election has been dismissed. A copy of the dismissal has been entered in to the minutes. The City of Comer will be responsible for all legal and administrative fees. The City is aware of this.

Redistricting maps have been amended and awaiting approval from BOC and BOE. After which the maps must be approved by state legislation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Letters were sent certified mail to the Cities of Carlton, Colbert, Comer, Danielsville, Hull and Ila stating the BOER would not renew their IGA's. Letters were sent December 2, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Dean made a motion to discuss precinct consolidation as requested by the BOC. Ms. Scott seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Ms. Dean stated the BOC felt that money could be saved by consolidating precincts. Ms. Dean explained if a new central location could be found among the precincts, more poll workers along with more equipment would be needed at the new larger location. More voters would mean more equipment and more workers to handle the extra voters. Therefore, no money would be saved by consolidating and voters would have to travel farther to the new location. Mr. Owens stated feedback from the Republican Party is not in favor of consolidating.

STATEMENTS AND REMARKS FROM CITIZENS

Mr. Mark Quinn stated voting is not about money. It's about accuracy and trustworthiness.

Mr. Dave Ramsey stated he agreed with Mr. Quinn. He was also voiced concern about absentee ballots by mail and a voter getting one from the county and one from the city and it may be confusing to voters.

As stated for information, city elections are held during odd number years and county, state and federal elections are held during even numbered years. This would reduce the need for a voter who lived in the city limits to get two ballots.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Scott made a motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. Owens seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.

These minutes are hereby approved this 13 day of January, ²⁰²²~~2021~~.



Tracy Dean, Chairperson
Madison County Board of Elections and Registration