

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Regular Board Meeting, 14 January 2021, 3PM

Participants: Melanie Thibault, Gary Tallent, Kathy Tinsley, Gary Dills, John Vanhook Jeff Gillette and Lynne Garrison.

Observer:

Call to Order: Chair Tinsley called the meeting to order at 3PM.

1. Discussions with County Manger Derek Roland: Mr. Roland was unable to attend.
2. Minutes from 7 December 2020: Mrs. Garrison made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr Gillette seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion. Attachment 1
3. Discussion on CARES funding: Mr Dills made a motion to have attorneys Vanhook and Gillette develop a ‘writ of mandamus’ concerning the county’s refusal to disperse funds provided to the county board of elections by the state board of elections through the CARES act. Mr Vanhook seconded the motion. After lengthy discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr Vanhook will confer with the state board of election’s attorney before proceeding.
4. CARES Act reimbursements: In a separate portion of the Act, the county had the opportunity to use approximately \$87,000 on a reimbursement basis. The Director reported that we used \$25,752. 98 of those funds.
5. Equipment Maintenance: Our contractor for the voting machines, Printelect, strongly recommends we replace the backup batteries in our machines. The cost is \$4,900. Mr Dills made a motion to buy these batteries and have them in place before the contractor comes to perform recurring maintenance. Mrs. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. The Director will reallocate funds from the travel line to the equipment line of the budget. Estimate at attachment 2.
6. Meeting schedule for 2021: The Director provided a schedule for the year. Attachment 3

7. Invoice: The Director provide the Chair with an invoice for verification cards (\$654). The Chair approved the invoice and signed the appropriate forms. Attachment 4
8. Budget: The Director provided the budget status as of 14 January 2021. There are no expected issues for the remainder of the year. Attachment 5
9. Adjourn: With no further business, Mr. Vanhook made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously. The Board will reconvene at 3PM on 11 February 2021. The Board adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Attachments

1. Minutes from 7 December 2020
2. Printelect battery estimate
3. Meeting schedule for 2021
4. Invoice for verification cards
5. Budget update