

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Board Absentee Meeting, 29 September 2020 5PM

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

Observers: Karen Duncan, Erick Baker, and Don Smith

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

1. Approve the minutes from 20 August 2020 meeting: Mr. Gillette made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Dills seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously. Attachment 1
2. Invoices: The Board reviewed invoices for Board fees, elections supplies, and plexiglass shields. The Chair signed each and forwarded to finance for payment. Attachment 2
3. Budget: The Board reviewed the latest budget report. We have spent approximately 23% of allocated funds which is on track for the fiscal year. However, we will have expenses outside the budgeted amounts which will be covered by federal and state grants. Attachments 3 and 4
4. Absentee procedures: With recent State Board Memos in mind, Mr Dills made a motion that “the staff is authorized to separate received absentee ballots into categories such as deemed valid, deemed invalid, and need Board review and decision. At least two Board members (one each from opposing parties) will review each ballot envelope and the ballot contained in the envelope to ensure legal requirements are met. Approved ballots will be entered into the tabulator with at least one Board member supervising that process. For ballots requiring duplication, the staff may perform the duplication outside a board meeting, but the Board will review each duplication prior to entry into the tabulator.” Ms. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion.
5. Absentee Ballot review: The staff provided for Board review 515 civilian ballots, 11 overseas ballots, and 2 military ballots. The Board reviewed each envelope and deemed all valid. The Board opened each envelope and entered the ballots into the tabulator whose counter started at zero. Once all ballots were entered, the ending tabulator counter was 528.

6. Adjourn: With no further business, Mr. Gillette made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dills seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously. The Board will reconvene at 3PM on 6 October 2020. The Board adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Attachments

1. Minutes from 6 July 2020
2. Invoices
3. Budget report
4. Notice of subgrant (03-25-56)