

Bryan County

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Held At

*Richmond Hill Administrative Complex, Commissioners Conf. Room
66 Captain Matthew Freeman Dr.
Richmond Hill, GA 31324*

PERSONS ATTENDING:

Chair Andrew Johnson, Vice Chairman & Secretary Keith Spitznogle (by phone), Board Member Penny Dubois, Board Member Nevin Patton, Assistant County Manager Kathryn Downs, Communications Manager Matthew Kent, Election Supervisor Cindy Reynolds, Future Election Supervisor Olivia Chapman and concerned citizen Karen Hewitt. Absent- Board Member Elizabeth Ergle.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. The meeting was properly advertised on the County website.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The Agenda was approved as presented.

MINUTES

The minutes from the February 16, 2023 Board Meeting were presented. Board Member Patton made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Dubois seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Supervisor Reynolds stated that the purchase of 2 additional Poll Pads and 10 printers were approved for purchase by the County and they requisition will be submitted for purchase. Chairman Johnson brought up concerns regarding poor cellular service in Richmond Hill possibly interfering with the voting process. Supervisor Reynolds and Mrs. Chapman reassured him that it would not be an issue.
- City of Richmond Hill IGA is still waiting for approval from Richmond Hill City Council before coming to the County. Mrs. Downs stated that there was a lot of back and forth between the City and County attorneys. It was also discussed that the Wetlands Center will not be used for Early Voting for the City of Richmond Hill since there is also a SPLOST and there will be a Countywide Election.

NEW BUSINESS

- Supervisor Reynolds introduced Olivia Chapman as the new Elections Supervisor, Cindy's last day will be April 21st. Reynolds stated that Mrs. Chapman is already doing a tremendous job in the short time that she has been here and Reynolds feels confident in leaving.
- Staff will be attending a Regional meeting in Liberty County on April 27th to discuss various topics, including EPULSE.
- Supervisor Reynolds stated that staff continues to process all items on the GARViS dashboard as the State is still making updates to the system.

BOARD OR STAFF CONCERNS

No Board or Staff concerns

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS-5 MINUTE MAXIMUM)

Karen Hewitt, a concerned citizen, voiced her opinions on the 2020 Elections and voter fraud. Chairman Johnson addressed her concerns and assured her that Bryan County did their part to have fair and secure elections. He informed her that if she wanted to see change she should contact her legislatures and Elected Officials.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was not necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business was required. There were no objections to adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 4:23 pm. The next board meeting will be scheduled for May 18, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Spitznogle, Secretary