

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
Canvass Board Meeting, 27 May 2022, 11 AM

Participants: Director Melanie Thibault, Deputy Director Judy Fritts, Gary Dills, Lynne Garrison, Kathy Tinsley, Jeff Gillette (via Google connect) and John Vanhook.

Observers: Bobby Coggins, Hazel Norris, John Noce, Ward Collins, George Green, Danny Prince, B. Tince, Mia Overton, Brent Holbrook, Costin Jigua

Call to Order: Chair called the meeting to order at 11 AM.

1. Review of minutes: Mrs. Garrison made a motion to approve the 17 May 2022 minutes as written. Mr. Gillette seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. Attachment 1
2. Supplemental Absentee Ballots: The Board received 21 civilian ballots and one overseas ballot. The Board reviewed all envelopes. Mrs. Garrison made a motion to accept 21 civilian ballots and the one overseas ballot. Mr Vanhook seconded the motion and four Board members approved with Mr Gillette abstaining. The Director opened the civilian ballots. Mrs. Tinsley and Mr. Dills transcribed the overseas ballot onto a proper ballot. Mr Vanhook and Mrs. Garrison oversaw the opening of the machine, noting that the seal is not broken. The Director ran the zero tape, and the Board signed the zero tape. Mrs. Garrison and Mr Vanhook noted that the machine counter was zero. The Director and Deputy Director entered the 21 civilian ballots and one overseas ballot into the machine. The Director ran the tape and closed out the machine noting that the machine count was 22. Board members signed the tape. Mr Vanhook and Mrs. Garrison affirmed that the machine count was 22.
3. Provisional Ballots: The Director provided 38 provisional ballots for Board review. Following Board member review, Mr. Dills made a motion that the Board disapprove 22 provisional ballots due to varying errors including voter not registered, voting in the incorrect party, being a felon. Mr Dills continued the motion to accept 16 of the provisional ballots (unreported moves, voting out of precinct). He also noted that one of the 16 ballots was by a voter who voted at one-stop using an incorrect party and an incorrect ATV form. The Provisional ballot will replace that vote necessitating the removal of the voter's one-stop vote (tracked by number). Mrs. Garrison seconded the motion and four Board members agreed with Mr Gillette

abstaining. The Director and Deputy Director (overseen by Mr Vanhook and Mrs. Garrison) opened another machine noting the seal is not broken and that the counter is zero. Each Board member physically present signed the tape. The Director and Deputy Director entered the 16 ballots into the machine, closed out the machine and noted the counter was 16. Mr Vanhook and Mrs. Garrison oversaw this process. The Board members signed the tape. In total, we tallied 16 Provisional ballots, 21 Civilian ballots and one oversea ballot resulting in 38 new votes.

4. Invoices: The Director provided 18 invoices (15 for precinct election meals, one to Print Elect for ballots and one to Mr Gary Tallent for L&A testing of equipment used in the 17 May 2022 election) for review and signature by the Chair. After review, the Chair approved and signed each invoice. Attachment 2
5. Budget: The Director provided the most recent budget report noting that we are on track for the remaining five weeks of the fiscal year. Attachment 3
6. Protest: This morning the Board of Elections office received a protest from Mr Robert Cook, a candidate for Macon County Sheriff. Mr Dills made a motion that the Board recess until 31 May at 3PM to hear the protest and to complete canvass, as appropriate. This gives the Board time to notify all candidates and interested parties and give them the opportunity to attend the protest hearing. Mr. Gillette seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed. Mr Cook's Protest at attachment 4.
7. Recess: The Board recessed at 12:30 PM and will reconvene on 31 May at 3PM in the Board of Elections office.

### Attachments

1. Minutes from 17 May 2022
2. 18 Invoices
3. Current budget report
4. Protest from Mr Robert Cook