

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
Absentee Board Meeting, 7 November 2022

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

Call to Order: The meeting came to order at 5 PM.

1. Minutes from 1 November 2022: Mr. Vanhook made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Garrison seconded the motion. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the minutes. Attachment 1
2. Invoices: The Director provided three invoices for review (\$178.94 to Amazon for office supplies, \$52.12 to Judy Fritts for mileage reimbursement, \$274.00 for food to feed Board of Election workers). Following Board review, Mr. Dills signed the invoices. Attachment 2
3. State Board of Elections (SBOE) Memo (numbered memo 2022-15): The Director provide the SBOE memo which clarifies procedures for approval/disapproval of absentee ballots received after election day. Attachment 3
4. Comments from Poll Observers: Mr Dills reported that a GOP observer noted that the one-stop procedures at the Highlands' site were slightly different than those at the Franklin site. Specifically, the one-stop ballots were not removed from the tabulator daily as in Franklin. Mr Dills made a motion that the Board explore (after this election) methods to standardize one-stop procedures at both sites and the Board of Elections absentee site. This may require purchase of a safe or similar container. Ms. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.
5. Review of Absentee Ballots: The Director provided two military ballots, five overseas ballots, and 215 civilian absentee ballots for Board review. Following review, Ms. Garrison made a motion to approve two military ballots, five civilian ballots and 215 civilian ballots. Mr. Vanhook seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved two military ballots, five overseas ballots and 215 civilian ballots. The Director opened the envelopes; Mr. Vanhook and Ms. Tinsley entered the approved ballots into the tabulator. The beginning count on the tabulator was 516 and the ending count was 738.

6. Budget: The Director provided the latest budget report. We continue on the expected spending track. Attachment 4
7. Adjourn: Mr. Vanhook made a motion to adjourn until 8 November 2022 at 5 PM to review absentee ballots and count ballots. Ms. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. The Board adjourned at 6:55 PM.

#### Attachments

1. Minutes from 1 November 2022
2. Invoices
3. Numbered Memo 2022-15
4. Budget report