

Monroe County Board of Elections

MINUTES

September 12, 2022

Attendance: Board Members: Mary Chambliss, Linda Davis, Rosalyn Harbuck
and Jim Zellner

Staff: Kaye Warren

Meeting was called to order and opened with prayer.

Board member, Sam Bennett, for personal reasons and has been asked to be replaced. He is the appointee from the City of Culloden. Contact has been made with Culloden and They are preparing to name a replacement for Bennett.

Board Chair introduced a guest, Yvonne Stuart, Chair of the Monroe County Democratic Party. Ms. Stuart was welcomed to the meeting and asked to share any concerns with the Board. She stated that the reason she was attending was in order to become more aware of the activities of the Board but that she did have two items to bring to the meeting. She reported that a voter in the Brantley Precinct had been unable to vote in the May Primary and he did not see the signs that were placed at the new polling location. The polling location had to be moved due to a recent fire in the old polling location. She was assured that better signage and new precinct cards will be going out in the mail for the November election. She then asked if there had been any consideration given to adding Sunday Voting in November. The Board explained that the decision not to add the optional Sunday Voting had been made because of the limited participation in the two Saturday Voting opportunities and the feeling that three weeks of Early Voting and Absentee Voting by Mail gave adequate opportunity to vote for those who wished to do so.

The minutes of the July 11 meeting were reviewed. There being no corrections the minutes were approved as printed.

The Expenditure Analysis was reviewed. There were no expenditures to be noted. Warren did note that staff has ordered new supplies including additional Voter Cards.

Staff Reports:

Bob Hunter, Independent Candidate for the District 4 Commissioner's post had withdrawn his name due to personal and business reasons. His name will not appear on the November Ballot. (A copy of the affidavit is attached to these minutes)

The November Ballots have been approved and are being printed. They should arrive in the next few days. A Sample Ballot was provided to each member.

Preparations for the Election are continuing:

BMD machines and scanners are being set up and checked.

Adequate Poll Workers for Early Voting and each precinct have been recruited and training will begin soon. A list of Poll workers was circulated.

A number of Absentee by Mail requests are being received and ballots will be sent out on October 10, 2022. The Board was reminded that October 28th will be the last day to request an Absentee Ballot.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10th at 4 pm. If necessary, the meeting to review any Provisional Ballots for Nov. 8 will be scheduled for Monday, Nov. 14 since Friday, Nov. 11 is a holiday for Veterans' Day.

Ms. Stuart was thanked for her attendance and interest.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.