

# Monroe County Board of Elections

## MINUTES

April 12, 2021

Attendance: Board Members: Sam Bennett, Linda Davis, and Rosalyn Harbuck.

Staff: Kaye Warren

Meeting was called to order and was opened with prayer. The Chair apologized for failing to send a reminder about the meeting and thanked those in attendance for remembering.

The minutes of the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved as printed.

The Expenditure Analysis was reviewed with nothing of note. Harbuck said that the County Finance Director, Lorri Robinson, had been invited to meet with the Board but was unable to attend. She will be invited to another meeting to help the Board understand the budgeting process and the Expenditure Analysis Report.

Warren reported that the new storage building had been put into use and the Board complimented the staff on the re-organization of the office and existing storage building. Everyone expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for providing the additional space.

A complaint concerning the 2019 Forsyth Municipal Election had been received by the Secretary of State. The complaint involved possible abuse of Absentee Ballot requests. Warren stated that she had received request from an investigator to assemble various 2019 Election records for the investigation. The investigators had been told that a court order would be needed to open the requested records. The investigators are expected in the office on the following day.

Warren then reported that the office had received a quote from Inclusion Solutions for new voting booths similar to the curtained version that had been used for Early Voting in 2020. The possibility of purchasing enough of these to replace the tables used for Early Voting would help to relieve the overcrowding of the space in the Atrium.

A discussion followed of the new Voting Law recently passed by the Georgia Legislature. Concern for some areas of the new law and the impact on election procedures was expressed as well as support for other of the new provisions.

The proposed expansion of the Forsyth City Limit boundary and the impact on the 2021 Municipal Election was discussed. This will have effect on precincts in addition to the current situation in the Dillard precinct where you have some voters in the precinct voting in municipal elections while others do not when both General and Municipal elections are held simultaneously .

There being no other business the Chairman thanked the members for attending the meeting, and noted that the next meeting of the Board will be on May 10, 2021 at 4pm.