

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DATE: July 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Phil Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
Members present were Chairman Phil Johnson, Kelly Robinson, Dustin Thompson, and Angela White-Davis, Director.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Guests in attendance totaled 5

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dustin Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 regular meeting as written. Kelly Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Kelly Robinson made a motion to approve removal of the challenged deceased voters. Dustin Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Month of July, 2021

- The Daily Work log of voter registration applications processed from June 2021 totaled 851.
- The transferred voters that moved into Newton County totaled 272.
- The transferred voters that moved out of Newton County totaled 231.
- The registered voters that notified the Board of Elections office they moved out of state totaled zero.
- The deceased voters reported systematically from Secretary of State office totaled 69.
- The deceased voters list provided by the Secretary of State office for verification by the Board of Elections totaled 27
- The felon voters list provided by the Secretary of State office for verification by the Board of Elections office 1.
- The felon voters list provided by the Secretary of State office that was verified systematically listed on the Felon 40-day clock for June 2021 totaled 25.
- The registered voters totaled 85,970 as of June 30, 2021.
- The registered voters listed as active totaled 82,003.
- The registered voters listed as inactive totaled 3,967.

The Budget Comparison Statement as of July 1, 2021 was provided.

The Secretary of State mailed the No Contact Confirmations – June 18, 2021. Newton County had 837 voters that will received confirmations by SOS.

- Voters that are in Inactive status and have no contact since 2012 through two general election cycles are then subject to be removed from the voter list O.C.G.A. 21-2-235(b)
- Voters are moved to Inactive status for three reasons Returned Mail, National Change of Address Notice and No Contact
- No Contact O.C.G.A 21-2-234

As of June 30, 2021, there have been 203 confirmation returned with the breakdown inclusive of: 2 – Identified as Deceased, 1 Address changed within the County, and 1 Forwarding address of Out of State. The confirmations were forwarded to the provided addresses and letters were mailed to the Deceased families.

The board inquired about voter participation challenges that were being reviewed by SOS. There are (8) double voters that are being reviewed with SOS by Investigator Mutinda Parris. The requested signed voter absentee ballot envelopes and signed in-person certificates were retrieved and electronic copies were provided to SOS for review. The office was unable to retrieve one envelope after checking 6 boxes.

The board inquired about the mail out process of the confirmation notices. Secretary of State's Office mailed all No Contact for 2 General Election confirmations for all 159 counties on June 18, 2021. There have been over 200+ confirmations returned undeliverable back to our office for Newton County notified voters.

Brendan Cherry had concerns about a confirmation that was scheduled to be mailed but not delivered to his current listed residency. After further research by the Newton County elections staff concerning the inquiry the actual voters name was found. The confirmation was mailed to the last known registered address of a the voter in question. This voter previously resided at the current address of Mr. Cherry who recently purchased the residence in 2020. This voter registered at the address in question around 2006. There was no reported voting since 2016. The voter in question appears to now have moved to Chattanooga Tennessee from previous return mail notification received by our office around 2017. It was established that all procedures for the confirmation process were followed.

GUEST COMMENTS

Guest were updated concerning the process of confirmation notices being mailed out to addresses within the county.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Johnson asked if anyone had any other business to discuss before adjourning the meeting. Kelly Robinson made the motion to adjourn. Dustin Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm

