

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DATE: AUGUST 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

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

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Guests in attendance totaled 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kelly Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 regular meeting as written. Phil Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Kelly Robinson wanted to review the appointment process for the Newton County Coroner vacancy. The board discussed that Judge Melanie Bell appointed Tommy Davis to complete the unexpired term of the office.

**§ 45-16-2. Appointment of coroners where coroners not
elected; filling vacancies**

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- (a) Whenever an election fails to fill the office of coroner, the judge of the probate court shall appoint a person to serve as the coroner until a successor is duly elected in a special election which shall be held at the time of the next general election to serve out the remainder of the unexpired term of office.
- (b) In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of coroner, the judge of the probate court shall appoint a person to serve out the unexpired term of office and until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified.
- (c) No appointment or election under subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section shall be of any effect until proper bond and security is given and the oath of office is taken.

Kelly Robinson requested more information concerning the guidance that was provided with the vacancy appointment by Judge Melanie Bell. Chairman Phil Johnson has been in contact with the County Attorney, County Commissioners, and County Manager. He has received the documentation concerning the appointment. The term of the coroner will expire in 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Month of August, 2021

- The Daily Work log of voter registration applications processed from July 2021 totaled 711.
- The transferred voters that moved into Newton County totaled 319.
- The transferred voters that moved out of Newton County totaled 254.
- The registered voters that notified the Board of Elections office they moved out of state totaled zero.
- The deceased voters removed systematically from Secretary of State office totaled 57.
- The deceased voters list provided by the Secretary of State office for verification by the Board of Elections totaled 30.
- The felon voters list provided by the Secretary of State office for verification by the Board of Elections office totaled zero.
- The felon voters list verified by the Secretary of State office was systematically removed from the Felon 40-day clock notification process for July 2021 totaled 12.
- The registered voters totaled 85,328 as of July 30 2021.
- The registered voters listed as active totaled 82,181.
- The registered voters listed as inactive totaled 3,147.

The Budget Comparison Statement as of August 1, 2021 is not available.
The Board of Commissions have not approved Y22 budget as of this update.

The Secretary of State mailed the No Contact for 2 General Elections Confirmations June 18, 2021. Newton County had 837 voters notified via mail. There were a total of 806 that were systematically cancelled because of no updated information provided. The current total confirmations returned undeliverable June totaled 203 and July totaled 55.

Kelly Robinson proposed to the board for the next meetings to be conducted via zoom because of the increase in Covid19 variance cases. Phil Johnson stated that this will need to be discussed with all board members to agree. The update of the possible change will be published on the county website before the next scheduled meeting date.

The Board was updated that in compliance with the Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Covington qualification will be conducted August 16, 2021– August 20, 2021 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm at the Newton County Board of Elections Office. The elections will be November 2, 2021 at the Covington City Hall 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, Ga 30014 - 7:00 am – 7:00 pm.

GUEST COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Johnson asked if anyone had any other business to discuss before adjourning the meeting. Kelly Robinson made the motion to adjourn. Phil Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm