# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## **MEETING MINUTES** Tuesday, March 2, 2021

The March 2, 2021 meeting of the Houston County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Chairman John Applegate.

Members of the Board Present:

John Applegate, Chairman

Sherman Falana, Vice Chair

Henry Childs Katherine Shelton Barbara Waddle

Member(s) of the Staff Present: Debra Presswood, Registration/Election Supervisor

Visitor(s) Present: Fenika Miller

Chairman John Applegate called for the approval of the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Katherine Shelton and seconded by Henry Childs to approve the February 2, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

#### REGISTRATION/ELECTION SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Debra Presswood reminded the Board of the upcoming March 16, 2021 Special Elections. These elections will be for the Houston County Board of Education ESPLOST and the City of Warner Robins City Council Post 1. All county and city polling locations will be open.

The State Election Board reminded County Election Offices that this year we would be processing notices to those electors who have had no voting activity for two general elections. As the process draws closer the State will share more information.

Board Members were given the following reports:

- February Meeting Minutes
- March 2021 Voters' Registration figures
- List of Managers and Assistant Managers for March 16, 2021 Election.

### Old Business:

The Board discussed the current Intergovernmental Cities' Agreement and decided that the cost to cities for future elections needs to be reviewed. A motion was made by Henry Childs and seconded by Barbara Waddle to draft a letter to reclarify cost of conducting futures city elections.

#### **New Business:**

Chairman Applegate opened the floor for public to speak. Mrs. Fenika Miller greeted the Board and presented a handout entitled "Fiscal Impact of Certain Election Administration Bills Under Consideration in the Georgia General Assembly." Mrs. Miller asked the Board to please read the handout and consider the impact on the county and election process that the proposed legislative bills which are being considered Georgia General Assembly. Mrs. Miller asked the Board to consider posting election totals at each polling location to be done every hour, so the totals are accessible to the public.

Also, Mrs. Miller asked the Board to consider moving the Houston Health Pavilion Conference Center polling location to the City of Warner Robins' new recreation center on North Houston Road.

The Board reviewed the List of Managers & Assistants Managers for the March 16, 2021 Special Election. A motion was made by Henry Childs and seconded by Barbara Waddle to approve the list of Managers and Assistants as printed. The motion carried.

The Board discussed possibility of adding new polling locations. A motion was made by Henry Childs and seconded by Sherman Falana that Katherine Shelton form a committee to look for new polling locations. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be April 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Sherman Falana, seconded by Katherine Shelton. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

John Applegate, Chairman

April 6/2021

Debra Presswood, Secretary

This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Georgia Meeting Provisions of Title 50, Chapter 14 of Georgia Code.