

Upton County Board of Elections and Registration  
106 East Lee Street, Suite 100-B  
Thomaston, Georgia, 30286  
January 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM

I. Call to Order: Chairman Haney called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

II. Invocation: Delivered by Vice-Chairman, Janice Bennett.

III. Swearing in of Board Members:

Robert Haney was sworn in to his new term by Judge Danielle McRae. Mary Hefton was sworn in by Judge McRae as the newest member of the Board of Elections.

IV. Election of Officers:

Mr. Grubb nominated Robert Haney to be Chairman. Seconded by Janice Bennett. Chairman Haney called for a vote. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Grubb nominated Janice Bennett to be Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Jessica Jones. Chairman Haney called for a vote. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Grubb nominated Mary Hefton to be Secretary. Seconded by Janice Bennett. Chairman Haney called for a vote. The vote was unanimous.

V. Secretary's Report:

Mr. Grubb presented copies and read the minutes of the October 3, 2019 meeting and the November 7, 2019 Called Meeting to the BOE Members. Chairman Haney asked if anyone had additions or corrections and there were none. He called for a vote to approve the minutes as presented. Motion to approve the minutes by Jessica Jones. Seconded by Janice Bennett. Motion passed.

VI. Public Comments:

Mr. Gary Larsen stated that he had a list of questions for the Board and that he thought improvements were in order. Mr. Haney accepted the questions and told Mr. Larsen that he would send the answers to him as soon as possible.

VII. Old Business:

Mr. Haney and Mrs. Releford gave an update on the New Election Equipment. Both attended a recent training conference sponsored by the Georgia Secretary of State's office.

The Board Members read a letter prepared by Chairman Haney to send to all Poll Workers. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Releford stated that they would look at the letter to determine if it could be shortened without giving up any vital

information. Chairman Haney agreed with their proposal and stressed that this needs to be done very soon.

Chairman Haney informed the Board that some new voting equipment has been received.

VIII. New Business:

A. *Towaliga Soil and Water Election Contract:*

Mrs. Releford read the contract to the Board. The Board voted to accept the contract and hold the election.

B. *Training Conference Update:*

Mrs. Releford and Mr. Haney stated that they learned a lot at the December Training Conference in Savannah which will be very important when conducting Poll Worker Training. They also shared and gained information from people in other Georgia counties.

C. *Poll Worker Training:*

1. January 29, 2020 for March Election at the Civic Center:  
Session 1: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Session 2: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
2. February 3, 2020 for Advanced Voting at the Civic Center  
Session 1: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Session 2: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
3. February 18, 2020 - Mock Election for Town District at 8:30 AM at the Civic Center.
4. February 25, 2020 - Mock Election for Redbone and Salem at 8:30 AM at Fellowship Baptist Church.

D. *Demonstrations of New Equipment:*

Possible sites:

Technical School  
Civic Center  
Church Social Halls  
School Gymnasiums

E. *March Presidential Preference Primary:*

1. February 24, 2020 - Last day a person may register and be eligible to vote in the PPP and Special Election.
2. March 2, 2020 - Advanced Voting starts for the PPP and Special Election.
3. March 14, 2020 - Mandatory Saturday Voting for PPP and Special Election

IX. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Grubb stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Bill Westberry (who was present) for his outstanding service while a member of the Board of Elections. Mr. Grubb also welcomed Ms. Mary Hefton (Mr. Westberry's replacement as a board member).

X. Next Meeting Date: February 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

XI. Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn by Mr. Grubb. Seconded by Jessica Jones. Motion passed.

Attendance:

All Board of Election members were present as well as past member, Bill Westberry.

Chairman - Robert Haney  
Vice-Chair - Janice Bennett  
Secretary - Jack Grubb  
Elections Supervisor - Pam Releford  
Board Member - Jessica Jones  
Board Member - Mary Hefton

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Grubb, Secretary

