Meeting Minutes Chatham County Board of Registrars June 26, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members present were Mr. McRae, Ms. Andrews, Mr. Norse and Mr. Slay. Mr. Pannell was absent. Staff present were Ms. German, Ms. Bostick and Mr. Pflager. Mr. Norse made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 22nd, 2019 meeting. Ms. Andrews seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Expiring Board Terms -

Mr. McRae reported that he and Ms. Andrews were re-appointed to new four-year terms on the Board of Registrars effective July 1, 2019.

Pooler Realignment -

Ms. German reported that the Board of Elections attended the Pooler City Council meeting on June 17th to present their precinct realignment plan. The Council voted to table the hearing on the realignment plan until their July 1st, 2019 meeting. Any realignment will need to be approved formally by the City of Pooler (and the Board of Elections, once City of Pooler approval is received).

New Business:

National Change of Address Process -

Ms. German outlined the National Change of Address process currently taking place. The process involves sending confirmation notices to voters who may have changed their address based on lists provided to the Secretary of State by the U.S. Postal Service. The notices are broken down into two categories – possible within county changes and possible outside the county changes. 8,151 outside the county notices were mailed and 7,691 within county notices were sent. As voters return these notices, staff will process them.

Municipal Checklist -

Checklists were sent to municipalities having an election in November 2019. The purpose of the checklist is for the municipality to verify their streets and record errors in street names or new streets. The checklists are sent back so that the staff can make needed updates. Staff has already received completed checklists from most municipalities. Staff will be following up to confirm the expected time of arrival of the outstanding municipal checklists.

Presidential Preference Primary -

Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger has set March 24, 2020 as the Presidential Preference Primary election date. Advance voting for this election is scheduled March 2 - March 20, 2020.

Registration Totals –

Ms. German reported that there are presently 197,571 active, 13,393 inactive and 2,661 pending voters.

Voter Challenges -

Ms. German reported that there are 63 deceased, 41 moved out of state, 14 moved out of county and 13 voter initiated challenges and requests for deletion. Each voter has been sent a letter and asked to respond to contest their challenge if it is in error. No responses have been received at this time. Mr. Norse made a motion at 12:30 p.m. to approve deletion of the above voters. Mr. Slay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Discussion –

Ms. German introduced Chloe, Janiyah and Kylah who are serving as Summer 500 program interns with the Voter Registration office. Each of the interns provided a brief introduction of themselves to the Board members. Additionally, during Public Discussion, Mr. McRae clarified based on the earlier agenda item of expiring Board terms that the next set of expirations will take place in the year 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.