## COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

## **NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by vice chairman/acting chair Andy Thomas at 8:30 am.

Members present: Andy Thomas, Paula Scott, Ernestine Thomas-Clark, Bobby Tanner, Matthew McCullough and Christy Nipper.

Also present were the media and members of the public.

Mr. McCullough opened the meeting with prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

Motion to accept the agenda by Mrs. Scott. 2nd by Mr. McCullough. Voted in favor by Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Scott, Mr. Tanner and Mr. McCullough. Voted against by Ms. Thomas-Clark. Discussion by Ms. Thomas-Clark requesting the agenda be amended to include Chair and Vice Chair nominations. Mr. Thomas motioned to accept the amendment to the agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. McCullough. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to accept the minutes by Mr. McCullough. Seconded by Ms. Thomas-Clark. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Review of budget.

Curing of provisional ballots.

Certification of election results.

Supervisor updates.

Motion by Mr. Thomas to contract elections consultant Lynn Bailey with a \$4500.00 cap. Seconded by Mr. McCullough. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to nominate Mr. Thomas as new chairman by Ms. Thomas-Clark. Seconded by Mr. McCullough. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to vote on vice chairman by Mr. Thomas. Seconded by Mrs. Scott. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to elect Mrs. Scott as vice chairman by Ms. Thomas-Clark. Seconded by Mr. McCullough. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comments by Larry NeSmith, Mary White, Ron Morris, Judi Worrell, Jim Hudson and Olivia Pearson.

Update from BOE Attorney Ben Perkins.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Thomas-Clark. Seconded by Mrs. Scott. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Closing prayer by Ms. Ernestine Thomas-Clark.

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