



# Hall County Government

## ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

### BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

#### MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

3:30 PM

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DIRECTOR  
**Lori Wurtz**

#### BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

**Tom Smiley**, Chairman  
**Craig Lutz**, Vice Chair  
**Ken Cochran**, Member  
**David Kennedy**, Member  
**Gala Sheats**, Member

- Declaration of a Quorum Present **QUORUM PRESENT.**
- Call to Order (Roll Call) **ALL MEMBERS ARE PRESENT.**
- Pledge to the United States Flag
- Adoption of Agenda **VICE CHAIR LUTZ MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA, MEMBER SHEATS MADE A SECOND. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
- Approval of Minutes from February 9, February 16, February 22 & March 1 Meetings. **MEMBER KENNEDY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ALL MINUTES; MEMBER COCHRAN MADE A SECOND, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
- Public Comments specific to items ON the agenda- **Comments may be made in one of the Public Comments opportunities and shall be held to 3 minutes.** Comments shall be addressed directly to the Chairman with no assured response from the Chairman or Board members during the time of public comments. **NONE.**
- Business:
  - a) Review of 2022 Submitted Budget. **VICE CHAIR LUTZ MADE A MOTION TO REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TO INCREASE THE STAFF TO 8 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES, TO INCREASE THE TRAINING BUDGET BY 2.5 TIMES. TO HAVE A SPACE STUDY PERFORMED SPECIFIC TO THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT. MEMBER KENNEDY MADE A SECOND. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
  - b) Announcement of intent to change bylaws at the April 2021 Meeting. **CHAIRMAN SMILEY MADE NOTE THAT HE WILL PRESENT CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

- Directors Update:
- Public Comments specific to items NOT on the agenda- **Comments may be made in one of the Public Comments opportunities and shall be held to 3 minutes.**  
Comments shall be addressed directly to the Chairman with no assured response from the Chairman or Board members during the time of public comments. **SEE BELOW.**
- Comments from the Board and Chairman
- Confirmation of next Meeting **APRIL 13, 2021 @ 3:30PM.**
- Executive Session (if needed) Discussion regarding land acquisition, land disposition, personnel matters, potential litigations and/or litigation. *Executive Session is not open to the public. Executive Session is a lawfully closed meeting.* [§50-14-1(a) (2)]
- Adjourn **MEMBER KENNEDY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, MEMBER SHEATS MADE A SECOND. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:16PM.**

MS. ALANA WATKINS  
4832 POPLAR SPRINGS ROAD  
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***Spoke in support of Ms. Wurtz and staff.***

MR. MICHAEL PARKER  
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