



Hall County Government

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

3:30 PM

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BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND
REGISTRATION

Dr. Tom Smiley, Chairman
Mr. Craig Lutz, Vice Chair
Mr. Ken Cochran, Member
Mr. David Kennedy, Member
Mrs. 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 **MEMBER KENNEDY MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. MEMBER COCHRAN MADE A SECOND. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
- Approval of Minutes from AUGUST 11, 2021 Meeting. **MEMBER KENNEDY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. MEMBER SHEATS 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. **NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- Business:
 - a) Resolution regarding Phoenix award from GAVREO. **CHAIRMAN SMILEY REMARKED ABOUT THE GAVREO AWARD AND MEMBER KENNEDY MADE MOTION WITH COMMENTS RECOGNIZING DIRECTOR WURTZ'S LEADERSHIP AND RECOGNIZING THE ENTIRE STAFF FOR A JOB WELL DONE AS THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT WAS ONE OF 14 RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED BY GAVERO**

VICE CHAIR LUTZ MADE A SECOND TO THE MOTION, COMMENTING THAT THIS REELECTS THE CUSTOMER SERVICE OUR STAFF WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE WITH RULES CHANGING, PANDEMIC, LOTS OF OPPOSITION, VOTE REVIEW PANELS. WISHES THERE WAS MORE THE BOARD COULD DO IN HONORING OUR DIRECTOR AND STAFF.

MEMBER COCHRAN WAS VERY PROUD TO WALK ON STAGE WITH THESE PEOPLE.

MEMBER KENNEDY ECHO'S EVERYONE ELSE. THANKS OFFICE FOR GOOD WORK.

MEMBER SHEATS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STAFF. THE CITIZENS OF GAINESVILLE- HALL COUNTY THANK YOU. FOR A JOB WELL DONE.
- 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. **NO PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

- Comments from the Board and Chairman **EACH MEMBER CONGRATULATED STAFF ON AWARD. THANKED THEM FOR THEIR HARD WORK. CHAIRMAN SMILEY APPRECIATED THE STAFF SAID THE AWARD SHOULD BE A DEDICATED TO THE DIRECTOR AS NO ONE WORKS HARDER OR LONGER THAN MS. WURTZ. VICE CHAIR LUTZ ASKED THE CHAIRMAN TO PRESENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THEM TO DO A PROPER RESOLUTION**

CHAIRMAN SMILEY CONTACTED HALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATION IN JUNE AND JULY REGARDING THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT NEED FOR MORE SPACE. IN AUGUST DR. SMILEY, LORI, SEVERAL KEY STAFF AND MR. NIX MET WITH PRECISION PLANNING INC. TO COMPLETE A SPACE NEEDS STUDY. WE ARE CURRENTLY AWAITING THE RESULTS FROM STUDY.

- Confirmation of next Meeting. OCTOBER 12, 2021 **CONFIRMED**
- 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)] **NO EXECUTIVE SESSION NEEDED.**
- Adjourn **MEMBER COCHRAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, MEMBER SHEATS MADE A SECOND. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 420PM.**