

Board of Election & Voter Registration

Called Board Meeting

Date: February 25, 2022

Board Members: Danielle Kuntz, James White, Jeff Hughes, Larry Ewing, Judy McNichols

Office Staff: Jennifer Logan, Janie Johnston, Ellen Kuntz, Kelsey Harbin, Katie Bryson

Present at Meeting: Danielle, Larry, James, Jeff, Judy, Jennifer, Katie

Public: Lena Mason Moore, Tim Polish, Pete Fuller

I. Call to Order: 9:00AM meeting called to order by Danielle and led pledge.

II Public Comment:

Tim Polish addressed the board to ask why aren't we voting in Center Baptist Church. Director responded that the Board consolidated back in 2017.

Judy joined meeting at 9:04AM

Tim responded that he never waited in line at center, but now he has to wait. Board member Jeff responded concerning changes in voting system and staffing.

Tim responded that he has signed up to be a poll worker, and that he will inform others of the need. Further discussion by board and director and board thanked Mr. Polish for signing up to be a poll worker.

Peter Fuller addressed the board with a few questions.

With expansion to five commission districts will board add additional polling location? Director responded that the lines are not the same, no plans at this time.

Is the move permanent? Director responded yes to avoid voter confusion. The board tries to move polling locations as little as possible.

Also inquired about having two locations on east side with all the growth on the west side of county. Director responded that we aren't adding to the east side, just moving the location of the polling place to Nicholson because we no longer have Southside Church as a possible location.

Lena Mason Moore addressed the board to ask if transportation services would be available? County has no taxis, no busses, voters in south Jackson may have trouble getting to polls. Chairman and other board members responded that the board did not initiate the change, current facility will not continue to let the board use facility. Early Voting and ballots in the mail are available options for voters.

Asked if the board considered store fronts or convenience stores as possible polling locations for temporary use until voters can make better arrangements. Director responded that temporary locations can cause voter confusion and we don't typically use those type of facilities. Director also mentioned that Early voting in Jefferson and absentee by mail options are available for all voters.

III. Old Business :

- 1. Consideration of Board to relocate the South Jackson Polling location from Southside Church to Nicholson City Hall (Benton Hall).**

Chairman Danielle called for any further discussion. None made

Board Member Jeff made the motion to move the South Jackson polling location to Benton Hall, City of Nicholson. . Board member James 2nd the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed 5,0

James made a comment that he understands the issues presented today.

VI. New Business: None

V. Adjournment: At 9:21AM . Chairman Danielle made motion to adjourn the meeting. James and Larry 2nd. Voted 5,0 motion carried.

Next meetings Friday, March 11th at 9AM Meeting

Minutes taken by Katie , prepared by Jennifer

