

BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY, GEORGIA  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
October 28, 2019

Chairman Tim McFalls called the meeting to order. Present were Board Members Terence Dicks, Sherry Barnes, Marcia Brown, and Bob Finnegan. Also present were Executive Director, Lynn Bailey, Assistant Director Travis Doss, Board Attorney Rachel Mack, and members of the public.

The first item on the agenda was the conduct of hearings on 19 voters in the City of Blythe. Mr. Doss was called on for a report. Mr. Doss reported that in preparation for the November 5, 2019 General Municipal Election in the City of Blythe, the City Clerk Loriann Chancey was sent a list of registered voters for her review. Mr. Doss explained that Mrs. Chancey identified 19 individuals on the list of voters for the City of Blythe who no longer resided within the City limits and therefore were no longer eligible to vote in City elections.

Continuing, Mr. Doss informed the Board that each of the 19 individuals was sent a notice that their eligibility to vote in the City of Blythe election had been challenged and informing them of the time, date, and place of the hearing, as required. Mr. Doss explained that if the challenges were upheld by the Board, notices would be sent to each voter informing them of the decision and how to appeal the decision. Continuing, Mr. Doss explained that the challenge applied only to the individual's right to participate in the election in the City of Blythe and did not remove the person from the list of registered voters. He further explained that if one of the challenged voters should appear to vote, they would be offered a paper challenged ballot. Continuing, he explained that the Board of Elections would adjudicate the validity of their vote following the election and add it to the Unofficial Election results if they were deemed eligible to vote.

The discussion and outcome of the hearings were as follows:

- Shane Andrews – Mr. Andrews is registered to vote from 331 Church Street, an address identified by the City Clerk as being vacant. The last contact with Mr. Andrews was on December 3, 2013. All notices/mailings sent to Mr. Andrews related to the challenge were returned by the US Postal Service as undeliverable and forwarding order expired.

Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Shane Andrews to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mr. Dicks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Terrence Barber – Mr. Barber is registered to vote from 331 Church Street, an address identified by the City Clerk as being vacant. The last contact with Mr. Barber was on August 8, 2015. All notices/mailings sent to Mr. Barber related to the challenge were returned by the US Postal Service as undeliverable and forwarding order expired.

Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Terrence Barber to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Ericke Craig – Mr. Craig is registered to vote from 127-B Community House Road, and was identified by the City Clerk as having moved and closing the water account on October 6, 2015. The last contact with Mr. Craig was on February 3, 2016. All notices/mailings sent to Mr. Craig related to the challenge were not returned by the US Postal Service at the time of this hearing.

Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Ericke Craig to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mr. Dicks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Wayne Ditty – Mr. Ditty is registered to vote from 163 Murrow Street and was identified by the City Clerk as having moved and closing his water account in December 2018. The last contact with Mr. Ditty was on July 24, 2019. All notices/mailings sent to Mr. Ditty related to the challenge were returned by the US Postal Service as Moved and left no forwarding address.

Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Wayne Ditty to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mr. Finnegan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Rob Duthie – Mr. Duthie is registered to vote from 352 Church Street, and was identified by the City Clerk as having moved and closing his water account in July 2017. The last contact with Mr. Duthie was on October 29, 2016. All notices/mailings sent to Mr. Duthie related to the challenge were returned by the US Postal Service as undeliverable and forwarding order expired.

Mr. Finnegan made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Rob Duthie to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Betty Jean Jackson – Ms. Jackson is registered to vote from 3567 GA Hwy 88, an address identified by the City Clerk as being vacant/unfit due to a house fire on August 8, 2016. The last contact with Ms. Jackson was on July 27, 2010. All notices/mailings sent to Ms. Jackson related to the challenge were returned by the US Postal Service as undeliverable and forwarding order expired.

Mr. Finnegan made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Betty Jean Jackson to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Terry Kielisch – Mr. Kielisch is registered to vote from 2459 Hoods Chapel Road, an address identified by the City Clerk as being a vacant lot. The last contact with

Mr. Kielisch was on December 4, 2018. All notices/mailings sent to Mr. Kielisch related to the challenge were not returned by the US Postal Service at the time of this hearing.

Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Terry Kielisch to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mr. Dicks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Kevin Kramer – Mr. Kramer is registered to vote from 398 Church Street, an address identified by the City Clerk as being vacant. The last contact with Mr. Kramer was on July 15, 2017. All notices/mailings sent to Mr. Kramer related to the challenge were returned by the US Postal Service as undeliverable and forwarding order expired.

Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Kevin Kramer to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Robert Kramer – Mr. Kramer is registered to vote from 398 Church Street, an address identified by the City Clerk as being vacant. The last contact with Mr. Kramer was on November 5, 2013. All notices/mailings sent to Mr. Kramer related to the challenge were returned by the US Postal Service as undeliverable and forwarding order expired.

Mr. Finnegan made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Robert Kramer to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mr. Dicks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Donna Oats and Peggy Oats – The Oats are registered to vote from 3427 Highway 88 Street, an address identified by the City Clerk as being vacant. The last contact with Donna Oats was on March 1, 2016 and Peggy Oats in July 16, 2018. All notices/mailings sent to the Oates related to the challenge were returned by the US Postal Service as undeliverable and forwarding order expired. A new address in Williamsburg, VA was given and the notices were resent there. The letters mailed to VA have not been returned as of this hearing

Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Donna Oats and Peggy Oates to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mr. Dicks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Brea Patrick and Nathan Patrick – The Patricks are registered to vote from 262 Church Street, an address identified by the City Clerk as having moved and closing the water account in August 2019. The last contact with the Brea and Nathan Patrick was on November 6, 2018. All notices/mailings sent to the Patricks related to the challenge were not returned as of this hearing. The Patricks did call the office to state they had moved out of the jurisdiction and were given

instructions on how to have their names cancelled from the voter rolls. As of this hearing, no cancellations have been received.

Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Brea Patrick and Nathan Patrick to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mr. Finnegan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Melissa Pippin and Paul Pippin – The Pippins are registered to vote from 335 Church Street, an address identified by the City Clerk as being vacant. The last contact with Melissa Pippin was on September 22, 2016 and Paul Pippin on October 25, 2013. All notices/mailings sent to the Pippins related to the challenge were returned by the US Postal Service as undeliverable and forwarding order expired.

Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Melissa Pippin and Paul Pippin to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mr. Dicks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Klareen Ramirez and Xena Ramirez – The Ramirezes are registered to vote from 2471 Hoods Chapel Road, an address identified by the City Clerk as being vacant. The last contact with Klareen Ramirez was on October 24, 2017 and Xena Ramirez on September 6, 2019. All notices/mailings sent to the Ramirezes related to the challenge were returned by the US Postal Service as undeliverable and forwarding order expired.

Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Klareen Ramirez and Xena Ramirez to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mr. Finnegan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

- Deborah Rewis – Ms. Rewis is registered to vote from 2475 Hoods Chapel Road, an address identified by the City Clerk as being vacant. The last contact with Ms. Rewis was on October 19, 2016. All notices/mailings sent to Ms. Rewis related to the challenge were not returned by the US Postal Service at the time of this hearing.

Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Debora Rewis to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Ms. Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Jeremy Winter – Mr. Winter is registered to vote from 123 Gin House Road, an address identified by the City Clerk as having moved and closing his water account in February 2013. The last contact with Mr. Winter was on November 6, 2018. All notices/mailings sent to Mr. Winter related to the challenge were returned by the US Postal Service as undeliverable and forwarding order expired.

Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the challenge to the eligibility of Jeremy Winter to vote in the City of Blythe election be upheld. Mr. Finnegan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

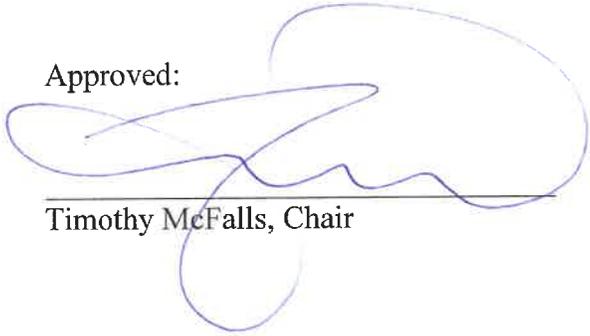
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the meeting stand adjourned. Mr. Dicks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Brown, Secretary for the Board

Approved:



Timothy McFalls, Chair