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April 1, 2019

The Newberry County Registration and Election Board met on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the Newberry County Registration and Election Office.

Chairman Henry Summer called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Board Members present were: Chairman Henry Summer, Brenda Fulmer, Doretha Simpson, Martha Waller, John Glasgow, Sam Price and Donnie Bobb. Director Shanna Proctor was also in attendance.

Chairman Summer asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Martha Waller made the motion to approve the March 4, 2019 minutes with a correction. John Glasgow seconded. The minutes were approved with the correction changing SEI to SEC in the second paragraph from the bottom. (Sentence 1).

Under old business, Director Proctor stated that the Town of Silverstreet will have a special election on May 21, 2019. Filing is open until April 5th at 5:00 pm. The clerk and poll managers have already been assigned for this special election.

Director Proctor stated that the Town of Prosperity will have a general election on November 5, 2019. Filing is open August 1st until August 15th at 5:00 pm. The clerk and poll managers will be assigned in August closer to the special election.

Director Proctor gave a budget update and stated that the 2019-2020 budget has been approved. She provided board members with a copy of the budget.

Under new business, Director Proctor discussed with the board the status of acquiring a new state-wide voting system. She stated that she had received emails from directors in Fairfield and Florence Counties on reviews of two new systems. Both directors stated that the systems were very easy to use and the voters had no problems voting on either system. She also stated that the decision has been taken away from the State Election Commission (SEC) and county directors on making the selection on purchasing the new systems and funding.

Director Proctor discussed with the Board that she is in the process of preparing a handout for County Administration notifying them that the State Election Commission (SEC) is working with the state legislature in replacing the state's voting systems. Currently there are four different systems being looked at and tested. Each system is made up of different numbers of components and comes in various sizes. She stated that at this time, she does not know which system will be chosen, making planning extremely difficult. Director Proctor will be requesting things to be considered for the future and she, along with the Board would appreciate the County's help as preparations are being made for the addition and transition to a new voting system. She asked the Board for their help and input as she continues this process.

The Board's major concerns were security, storage, delivery/pickup and humidity. Director Proctor will continue to update the Board as additional information becomes available. No action was taken as a result of the discussion

Director Proctor shared a handout with the board from the state regarding Voting System Replacement Facts. Pending legislation would change some details included in the plan. She stated the full legislation could be found on the state's website.

Director Proctor stated that she received an email from Ray Ellison, Fire Chief in Whitmire. He is requesting that the voting place be changed from the fire department back to the community center. Mr. Ellison stated that he has spoken with Mayor Billy Holinsworth and he agrees with the change. Mr. Ellison would like to know what he needs to do in order to proceed with the change. Director Proctor stated this item will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the May board meeting.

There being no further business, Sam Price made the motion to adjourn. Martha Waller seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, May 6, 2019 at 1:00 pm.