**Meeting Minutes**

**Chatham County Board of Registrars**

**March 22, 2023**

The March 2023 Chatham County Board of Registrar’s meeting was called to order promptly by Board Member Norse followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board of Registrars in attendance were Mr. Norse and Ms. Durso. Ms. Geiger attended via WebEx. The staff members in attendance were Director, Sabrina German and Assistant Director, Inger Bostic.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the Board of Registrars meeting minutes for the month of February. Board Member Geiger moved to approve the meeting minutes for January as provided to the Board Members prior to the meeting. Board Member Durso seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

**Presentation**

**Fort Orange Press**

Kristi Royston of Fort Orange Press presented on the Standard Georgia Absentee Ballot Packet that Fort Orange Press provides. Fort Orange Press is a family-owned company based in Albany, New York. They have worked with other states including New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, and 9 Georgia counties in 2022. The closest comparable to Chatham County’s size is Cherokee County, which has around 200,000 registered voters. The company has over 100 years of experience with ballot printing. Fort Orange Press services include emergency ballots, provisional ballots, and mailing of ballots. Any service that Fort Orange Press provides is trackable through the postal system. In addition, daily reports that display work productivity can be provided to the Board of Registrar’s office. Board Member Norse asked the question what are the biggest advantages of having services provided by Fort Orange Press. Kristi Royston answered the efficiency of the service and the level of equipment to be accurate and timely.

**Lamar Advertising**

BG Bowers of Lamar Advertising presented on electronic and billboard advertising that can be offered for Early Voting locations.

**Old Business**

**Challenges**

Helen Strahl challenged the following individuals within their municipality:

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| Krystal Jackson | UPS | Upheld |
| Jeffrey Hanss, Sr. | UPS | Upheld |
| Esther Mosley | UPS | Upheld |
| Morton Leith | UPS | Denied |
| Lisa Grant | UPS | Upheld |
| Dany Dunbar | UPS | Upheld |
| Stephen Dunbar | UPS | Upheld |
| Ruth Karebu | UPS | Upheld |
| Rance Spelts | UPS | Upheld |
| Edward Regan | UPS | Upheld |
| Nathaniel Sanders | UPS | Upheld |
| Brandon Hysell | UPS | Upheld |
| Latasha Lee | UPS | Denied |
| David White | UPS | Upheld |
| Marcus Pace | UPS | Denied |
| Demetria Pace | UPS | Denied |
| Renee Royal | UPS | Upheld |
| Siearre Wright | UPS | Upheld |
| David Mullen | UPS | Upheld |
| Augusta Hathaway | UPS | Upheld |
| Liza Dunn | UPS | Upheld |
| Ken Earl Ward | UPS | Upheld |
| Latasha Brown | UPS | Upheld |
| Rudolph Fraser | UPS | Upheld |
| Jennifer Buchanan | UPS | Denied |
| Briana White | UPS | Denied |
| Donald Bouchier | UPS | Upheld |
| Celeste Morris | UPS | Upheld |
| Tanya Mckenzie | Mail Café | Denied |
| Jamekia Sanders | Mail Café | Upheld |
| Christopher Escobar | Mail Café | Denied |
| Leon Kuzu | Mail Café | Denied |
| Lorraine Posner | Mail Café | Denied |
| Seth Posner | Mail Café | Denied |
| Amaria White | Mailbox Café | Upheld |
| Darby Stanger | Mailbox Café | Upheld |
| Vicki Crim | Abbey’s Attic | Tabled |
| James Taylor | Abbey’s Attic | Tabled |
| Joseph Sanches Hanlon | Storage King | Denied |
| Pauline Bryant | Storage King | Denied |
| Ronald Pockat | Storage Sense | Denied |
| Bernard Blinebry, Jr | Storage Sense | Upheld |
| Robert Manson | Secure Climate Storage | Denied |
| Sam Martin Jr | Life Storage | Upheld |
| Joshua Boyd | Life Storage | Upheld |
| Dandre Martin | Life Storage | Upheld |
| Debra Lowery | USPS | Upheld |
| Jayvon Bryant | USPS | Tabled |
| Edwin Allen | USPS | Upheld |
| Mikayla Gilchrist | USPS | Upheld |
| Nichole Choice | USPS | Upheld |
| Kerisha Solomon | USPS | Upheld |
| Loretta Brabham | USPS | Upheld |
| Jomar Reaves | Kroger | Upheld |
| Thomas Peyton | Catholic Church | Denied |
| Andrew Larkin | Catholic Church | Denied |
| Namon Cox, Jr | State Park | Denied |
| Mitchell Adderton | State Park | Denied |
| John Adderton | State Park | Denied |
| Heather Cox | State Park | Denied |
| Amberly Cox | State Park | Denied |
| Nancy Cahill | Residential | Upheld |
| James Cahill | Residential | Upheld |
| Leslie Curtiss | Residential | Upheld |
| Jon Larson | Residential | Denied |
| John Jennings | Residential | Denied |
| May Mahoney | Residential | Upheld |
| Patricia Pearse | Residential | Upheld |
| Holly Mull | Residential | Upheld |
| Morris Mull | Residential | Upheld |
| Paula Vandyke | Residential | Upheld |
| Paul Vandyke | Residential | Upheld |
| Dacie Vandyke | Residential | Upheld |
| Jerome Frazier | Clerical Error | Denied |

**New Business**

**Early Voting Satellite Sites**

The Board of Registrars has received confirmation from Southwest Library, Islands Library, Mosquito Control, and Garden City Library of their availability for the General and Run-off Election. The Civic Center has not confirmed availability as of yet. Savannah Fire Station (Highlands) has not confirmed availability due to concerns with the length of time early voting is conducted. The Pooler Recreation Gym cannot accommodate the request due to scheduled activities and the amount of time that early voting requires. Port Wentworth City Hall is interested in hosting early voting. The City of Port Wentworth has a council meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month, which will conflict with the Early Voting schedule. The Lakeshore Clubhouse is interested in hosting early voting and is looking to charge $75 per day.

**Port Wentworth Special Election**

Staff received notification from the Election office that the City of Port Wentworth will not hold a Special Election on June 20th to fill the At-Large Council seat. Instead, the City of Port Wentworth has opted to fill the vacancy during the November Election.

**Homelessness**

The Citizens Complex is experiencing a homelessness issue. The Board of Registrars is open, but the doors are currently locked for safety concerns. The County is looking at arranging a buzzer for the door at this time. The Election office is arranging a meeting to discuss concerns with the Chatham County Police Chief.

**Registration Totals**

As reported by Director German, the totals are as follows for Chatham County:

233,340 Registered Voters are broken down by categorization:

202,944 Active

30,396 Inactive

0 Pending

**Deletions**

Voter challenges presented were no felons, 36 deceased, and 17 requested to be removed from the voter list for a total of 53 voters challenged. These individuals received mailed notifications in regard to their challenges. At 1:42 p.m., Board member Norse asked if any of the people challenged were on the call or in the office. No one was present or on the call to object to any of the challenges. He entertained a motion to instruct staff to go ahead with deleting the 53 challenged voters. Board member Durso made a motion to instruct staff to go ahead with deleting the challenged voters. Board member Geiger seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

**Public Discussion**

Shirley Wright of Tybee Island gave appreciation for the meeting and mention a letter she wrote to the Board regarding the Tybee elections.

The meeting adjourned.