

# Stephens County Board of Registrations and Elections

## Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2021

### **Opening**

This was the regular monthly meeting of the Stephens County Board of Registrations and Elections. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm on 1/7/2021 in the Historic Courthouse by member Sean Black.

### **Present**

Sean Black, Lori McAvoy and Deputy Registrar April Roberts.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was approved.

### **Old Business**

Discussed status of wrapping up January election. Discussed need for procedure to be followed on storage and sealing of absentee ballots. Black is to forward copy of relevant statute to Roberts.

### **New Business**

Discussed actions taken by Roberts following resignation of Gober as well as things remaining to be done.

Discussed notices of State Election Board investigations and that neither of the two notices were for investigations that Gober had reported to the board. Roberts has not yet had the opportunity to fully go through paperwork left unfiled in Gober's office. Black recommended requesting information on all open investigations from the Secretary of State's Office. It was recommended that the investigation over the language on the ballot drop box be forwarded immediately to the county attorney.

Discussed the need for Roberts to obtain the election manual (red book) from Ayers.

Roberts reported that it appears that the four people who were able to vote twice in Stephens County were able to do so because Gober had failed to do daily updates of the database which would have allowed Easy Vote database to show that the person had already voted and shown a red alert to the poll worker.

Roberts reported that she had had an intensive full-day training on Easy Vote in the last month to fully learn the capabilities of the software including particularly the ability to produce daily reports.

The next election activity currently known about will be the city election in October or November. That will be conducted at the historic courthouse.

Roberts reported that the office is now set up to be paperless for voter registration which will eliminate the issue of paperwork not being properly handled.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm by Sean Black. The next general meeting will be at 5:30 pm, on 3/11/2021, at the Historic Stephens County Courthouse.

Minutes submitted by: Sean A. Black