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Town of Summerville
MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING
October 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dean Riegel called the meeting to order at 3:05pm on Wednesday, October 6, 2021.

ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were commission members Gerald Byrnes, Tammy Williams and Dean Riegel. Also present were Todd Billman with the Dorchester County Board of Elections and Beth Messervy, Town Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Byrnes, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were accepted into record.

ELECTION UPDATE:

Mr. Billman gave the commission an update on the preparations for the November 2, 2021 election. He stated that there are two contested races: Council District 1 and Commissioner of Public Works. He reminded the commission that all of the precincts will be open and that some precincts are combining for this election (Flowertown Elementary/Newington Elementary and Dubose Middle/Reeves Elementary). Mr. Billman stated that there would be signs on the doors directing voters to the correct voting location for those precincts.

Mr. Billman stated that absentee voting has already started in St. George, and that in-person absentee voting would commence in Summerville at the Rollins Edwards Community Center October 8-22 and October 25-October 29 from 8:30am-5:00pm.

Mr. Billman stated that all of the voting equipment has been tested and is now prepared. He detailed the method in which the equipment was tested.

Mr. Billman stated that there will be a new State Election Board Director.

Mr. Billman stated that the commission's Election 2021 Handbooks would be ready by the Wednesday or Thursday prior to the election on November 2.

ELECTION DAY:

Mr. Billman stated that on Election Day, the technicians and poll clerks will have the most interaction with the voters and the commission. The poll workers have completed their online training, as well as Covid training. The clerks are the lead poll managers, and they have completed additional training in person.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Riegel asked about not having a polling place if there is an uncontested election. Mr. Billman explained that the State legislators are in charge of this.

Mr. Billman stated that www.scvotes.org will have the results of the Town of Summerville Municipal Election on it. He also stated that he would like to have a third party do an audit of the election process.

Mr. Byrnes stated that he would like to break up the polling locations into thirds so that each commission member has a list of locations to visit. Mr. Billman stated that he would send the list to Beth so that the commission members could do so.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mr. Byrnes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 3:23pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Beth Messervy, Town Clerk