

WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Jim Buckner-Chairperson.

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Keith Edwards-Vice Chairperson.

Eddie Upshaw-Member

Susan Hays-Secretary.

Danielle Montgomery-Director

February 9th, 2023

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Jim Buckner at 8:35 a.m.

Jim Buckner, Keith Edwards, Susan Hays, Eddie Upshaw, and Danielle Montgomery were present.

Minutes from the January meeting were acknowledged and approved by Jim Buckner and 2nd by Eddie Upshaw.

A complaint concerning lack of privacy at the voting machines was discussed. A motion was made by Chairperson Buckner to purchase privacy panels for each voting machine. 2nd by Eddie Upshaw. All present members approved. Should we receive a letter of instruction we can show where the situation has been remedied.

The Enet to GARVIS switch is not working out very well. The staff are trying to work out any issues as they come up.

The July 2023 meeting will be moved to July 20th,2023 due to conflicts with staff and board members. Motion was made for approval by Brian Edwards and 2nd by Susan Hays.

There has been some movement to move the Elections Office from the Courthouse. Commissioner Whitfield did a walk through at the former Wells Fargo Bank building. Current owners ran into conflict with beer and cigarette sales being too close to a church. The B.O.E. will lobby for enclosure of the drive thru for storage purposes.

The State didn't get the funding for the new cellular or poll pads. We may possibly be able to get them next year.

Commissioner Whitfield has suggested that the Fairview and Rossville precincts be combined and held in the former Rossville High School band facility. Chairperson Buckner explained that to combine the two precincts would be too difficult in part because of redistricting.

The Registrars Office still has not received their pay increases. Chairperson Buckner will look into this issue.

Fourteen names of deceased Walker County voters were recognized and submitted for removal from the voters register. Motion made by Jim Buckner. 2nd by Eddie Upshaw. All members approved.

The next meeting will be on March 9th at 8:30 a.m. in the Walker County Courthouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. by Chairman Buckner. 2nd by Keith Edwards.