Anderson County Election Commission Minutes

October 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Chair Miller. In addition, to Miller, Commissioners Matheny, Bradshaw, Gallaher and Stephenson were present along with Administrator Stephens and Chief Deputy Eby.

A motion was made by Gallaher to approve the minutes, with the correction of Stephenson's attendance by phone. Stephenson seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

No public comments were made.

The board conducted the quarterly inspection of voter registration forms. 100 forms were inspected with no deficiencies found.

Stephens gave the board the first day of early voting totals. The first day set a record number of votes with 2339 voting early. So far, 989 absentee ballots have been issued with 447 being returned. Early voting locations were busy with some lines but were doing well.

Stephens asked Commissioners Gallaher and Stephenson to be at the Election Commission office on Election Day at 9:30 am with their keys to the ballot boxes. They will then transport the ballot boxes and counting board materials to the Anderson County Fairgrounds for the Counting Board to begin at 10:00 am.

A handout was given to the board that had been prepared by the state with a breakdown of the last two presidential elections. According to the information, turnout is up statewide.

Stephens addressed the complaint from the last meeting concerning Anthony Allen's voting record. He said he had sent letters to the persons that had brought up the issue with the information on the error and that it had been corrected.

Stephens recognized the following members with terms of service certificates. Commissioner Bear Stephenson, Commissioner Bill Gallaher, Deputy Harness, Machine Technicians Hamer and Hatfield with 5 years and Head Machine Technician Jim Reed with 10 years.

The board then locked the 28 provisional ballot boxes for Election Day.

The next meeting was set for November 5, 2024 at 5 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Matheny with a second by Stephenson. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

D. Jane Miller, Chair

David Bradshaw, Commissioner

Mary Matheny, Secretary

William T. Gallaher, Commissioner

William "Bear" Stephenson, Commissioner