

# **INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration

FROM: Shauna Dozier, Elections Director

**RE:** Operations Report for February - 2022

**DATE:** March 4, 2022

The following report represents a summary and recap of major operations and activities that we have completed or are ongoing within Elections and Registration for the month of February 2022 and activities since the last Board meeting.

The priorities were centered on Post-Election Day activities associated with the 2020 June Primary Elections November General & Special Post Election Day request as well as the January 5, 2021 Special and General Runoff Elections, processing voter registration applications, open record requests, confirmation notices, the election activities for the Post - Special Runoff Election and the November General Municipal elections, trainings, renovations, redistricting preparations, pre-election activities associated with the 2022 election year and the rearrangement of elections tasks due to the global pandemic COVID-19.

# ELECTIONS

## PERSONNEL STAFFING:

## STAFFING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING:

Deadline driven task from the redistribution of daily operations continue to receive priority training which included Staff Training.

## **ELECTION CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION:**

Director Dozier attended the Election Center Special Workshop, February 23 – 27, 2022 held in Atlanta, GA. Additionally, served as a panelist for the Fireside Chat for new Board Members to introduce themselves to the Election Center the National Association of Election Officials.

## 2022 GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION OFFICIALS (GAVREO) CONFERENCE:

The 2022 conference is scheduled March 20, 2022 – March 23, 2022 and will be held in Athens, Georgia.

## **RENOVATION OF ELECTION CENTER/FORMER 911 BUNKER:**

Community Development has moved out of the Ceremonial Courthouse office spaces. We are currently working with the Director of Building and Maintenance on preparing the space for our needs. We will continue to provide updates to the Board.

### 2022 ELECTION UPDATES:

#### REDISTRICTING:

Governor Kemp signed the redistricting maps into law on December 30, 2021. We have been given a deadline of completion for February 18, 2022. Our current focus is to meet this deadline. On Wednesday, March 2, 2022, Governor Kemp signed HB 1265 (Clayton County Board of Education Reapportionment) and HB 1214 (Clayton County Board of Commission Reapportionment) into law. We are currently working to complete the redistricting process prior to the start of qualifying on Monday, March 7, 2022.

Please be advised that we may need to call a special called meeting in order to ensure we have enough time to make all of our deadlines and get the information out to the public as soon as possible prior to qualifying. This is contingent upon the legislature's decision to maintain the current 2022 election calendar or change the dates. We will continue to provide the Board with updates as this process unfold.

#### **2022 ELECTION CALENDAR:**

As of this date the 2022 Election Calendar will remain as established. Below are the 2022 Election Year dates. These dates are subject to change and all do not necessarily yield an election in Clayton County. This information has been placed on our website.

Elections	Voter Registration Deadline	Election Date
General Primary	April 25, 2022	May 24, 2022
General Primary Runoff	April 25, 2022	June 21, 2022
General Primary Runoff (Federal)	May 23, 2022	June 21, 2022
General Election	October 11, 2022	November 8, 2022
General Election Runoff	October 11, 2022	December 6, 2022
General Election Runoff (Federal)	November 7, 2022	December 6, 2022

#### **2022 ELECTION AND VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES:**

**NOTE:** These dates reflect the scheduled elections dates for the State of Georgia. Clayton County may not have a scheduled election on the above dates. Subject to change.

#### 2022 ELECTION DAY JUDGES:

Director Dozier will provide the list of the 2022 Election Day Judges for the Election Year in the Board's Packet. Should there be a need for the appointed Election Day Judges the Director and Attorney Reed will contact them on Election Day.

2022 GENERAL PRIMARY:

#### 2022 POLL WORKER TRAINING DATES:

Poll Worker Training is set to start April 2, 2022 and will continue until May 9, 2022.

#### 2022 LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING DATES:

Logic and Accuracy Testing is set to commence, April 4, 2022 and will continue until completion.

## 2022 QUALIFYING FEES AND INFORMATION:

The Board of Commissioners set the qualifying fees at the first regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting on January 4, 2022.

Qualifying for the 2022 Primary/Nonpartisan and Independent/Political Body Candidates for the November General Election is set to commence at 9:00 AM on Monday, March 7, 2022, and end at 12:00 PM on Friday, March 11, 2022. Information regarding qualifying will be posted to our county website. Qualifying Fees set by the Board of Commissioners are as follows:

State Court Judge, Garrett (Non-Partisan)	\$5,095.53
State Court Judge, Hayward (Non-Partisan)	\$4,988.25
State Court Judge, Spencer (Non-Partisan)	\$4,880.98
County Commissioners (District 1 & District 4)	\$1,068.00
School Board Members (Districts, 1, 4, 8 & 9)	\$360.00

## NON-PARTISAN, INDEPENDENT & POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES QUALIFYING LOCATION INFORMATION:

Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration Office 121 S. McDonough Street, Annex II Jonesboro, GA 30236 770.477.3372 <u>elections@claytoncountyga.gov</u>

Since the last meeting, we have received updated contact information from both Political Parties and updated below:

## PARTISAN CANDIDATES QUALIFYING INFORMATION:

#### DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Sukari Johnson, Chair 1500 Morrow Road Morrow, Georgia 30263 Email For an Appointment chair@claytondemsga.com

## REPUBLICAN PARTY

Garrett Ashley, Chair 8004 N. Main Street Jonesboro, Georgia 30236 470.44.0811 chairmanccgop@gmail.com

No Personal Checks Accepted, (Cash, Cashier's Check or Money Order Accepted

## POLLING PLACE SURVEYS AND RESERVATIONS:

Director Dozier submitted (4) Polling Place Change Proposal recommendations to the Board for approval at upcoming March Regular Scheduled Board meeting in preparation for future elections. The proposals are listed below:

PROPOSAL NO	D. 01/22	EW1
FROM:	EW1	Utopian Academy for the Arts 2750 Forest Parkway
TO:	EW1	Sonna Singleton Gregory Senior Center 3215 Anvil Block Road
PROPOSAL NO	D. 02/22	LJ3
FROM:	LJ3	Lovejoy Middle School 1588 Lovejoy Road
TO:	LJ3	Michelle Obama STEM Academy 11485 Panhandle Road
PROPOSAL NO	). 03/22	RD10
FROM:	RD10	Riverdale United Methodist Church 6390 Church Street
TO:	RD10	Clayton County Library Northwest Branch 6131 Riverdale Road
PROPOSAL NO	0. 04/22	LC1
FROM:	LC1	Arbor Hall – Clayton State University 5823 Trammell Road
TO:	LC1	Harry Downs Center – Clayton State University 5900 N. Lee Street

### 2022 ELECTION YEAR ADVANCE VOTING DATES/TIME:

Director Dozier submitted a Resolution to the Board of Commissioners for the March 15, 2022 Regular Meeting to set the Advance Voting dates for the 2022 Election Year pending the Board of Elections approvals.

Director Dozier's recommendations below include expanding Early Voting locations across the county to (10) ten early voting locations to provide more access to our Clayton County Voters to vote in advance of Election Day. Should there be a need for a Runoff, a recommendation to customize early voting locations will be recommended and proposed to the Board of Elections and Registration.

PROPOSED ADVANCE VOTING LOCATION	ADDRESS
MORROW CITY HALL	1500 MORROW ROAD
	MORROW, GA
SONNA SINGLETON GREGORY SENIOR CENTER	3215 ANVIL BLOCK ROAD
(NEW REQUEST)	ELLENWOOD, GA 30294
FLINT RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER	6213 RIVERDALE ROAD
(NEW REQUEST)	RIVERDALE, GA 30274
FOREST PARK SENIOR CENTER	5087 PARK AVENUE
(NEW REQUEST)	FOREST PARK, GA 30297
CARL RHODENIZER RECREATION CENTER	3499 REX ROAD
	REX, GA 30273
VIRGINIA BURTON GRAY RECREATION CENTER	1475 EAST FAYETTEVILLE ROAD
	RIVERDALE, GA 30273
SOUTH CLAYTON RECREATION CENTER	1837 MCDONOUGH ROAD
	HAMPTON, GA 30228
HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY	865 BATTLECREEK ROAD
	JONESBORO, GA 30236
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – ELECTIONS OFFICE	121 S. MCDONOUGH STREET
	ANNEX II SECOND FLOOR
	JONESBORO, GA 30326
LAKE SPIVERY RECREATION CENTER	2300 WALT STEPHENS ROAD
(NEW REQUEST)	JONESBORO, GA 30236
GRISWELL SENIOR CENTER (ALTERNATE LOCATION)	2300 HIGHWAY 138 SE
	JONESBORO, GA 30294

## 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

The Elections and Registration Office was required to meet the deadline to submit the budget to Finance, January 27, 2022. The proposed departmental budget is included in this month's Board packet. Below is the Proposed 2023 Budget Calendar.

Clayton County Proposed 2023 Budget Calendar		
December 8, 2021	Budget Instructions and Details to Departments	
January 27, 2022	Completed budget requests are due in Munis. No further budget entry into Munis. <u>Deadline 5:00pm.</u>	
January 27, 2022- February 11, 2022	Prepare Recommended Budgets. Meetings with CFO, COO, DCFO and Finance Staff as needed.	
February 14, 2022- March 18, 2022	Prepare and balance the Budget. Review with Chairman and Chief Operating Officer providing ongoing status.	
March 21, 2022- March 25, 2022	Meetings with Departments if necessary.	
March 28, 2022- May 6, 2022	Prepare and Finalize Budget Book. Print books.	
April 22, 2022	Place budget Ad (Available for Review) Ad Appears April 27, 2022.	
May 10, 2022	Budget is available for public review (Headquarters Library, Lovejoy Library, Morrow Branch Library, Riverdale Library and Jonesboro Library) Also available online.	
May 17, 2022	Budget Hearing 6:00pm	
May 20, 2022	Place Ad for Budget Adoption Ad Appears May 25, 2022.	
June 7, 2022	*Budget Adoption (Regular Meeting)	

Dates subject to change \*Denotes advertised meetings

# REGISTRATION

## VOTER REGISTRATION:

As of March 1, 2022, there are 202,734(172,937 Active: 29,797 Inactive) Voters.

#### FELON LIST

Number scheduled for March Hearing: None

#### NATIONAL CHANGE OF ADDRESS CONFIRMATION NOTICES (NCOA):

On January 4, 2022 the Secretary of State will be conducting an NCOA mailing as part of our list maintenance processes. Our county office is responsible for paying postage for mailing the notices. The estimated number of notices Clayton mailed:

OUT OF COUNTY	4,897
OUT OF STATE	2,282
WITHIN COUNTY	4,219
TOTAL NCOA MAILED	11,398

The 40-day clock expired on the NCOA process on February 14, 2022. Voters mailed within county notices who did not respond were processed and moved to their new addresses according to the NCOA data. Out of the 11,398 NCOA mailed in the county, the Election and Registration Department processed 11,348 as of this date.

## VOTER EDUCATION/OUTREACH:

All in-person events have been adjusted for reduced contact due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## HIGH SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH:

Reminder, April is High School Voter Registration Month across the State of Georgia. The Clayton County Public Schools' Deputy Registrars attended Deputy Registrar training on February 17, 2022 where 15 Educators were deputized.

## SECRETARY OF STATE ANNOUNCES NEW STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM:

During the month of January, Secretary Raffensperger announced via press conference Secretary of State Elections Systems team has partnered with Sales Force and MTX to develop the new statewide voter registration system: Georgia Registered Voter Information System (GARViS). The launch date of GARViS is set for March 14, 2022. There was an announcement that this date will be moved back possibly 1 week to March 21, 2022. Two Staff Members attended a Train the Trainer session on GARViS in Macon, GA on February 23, 2022. Additionally, on March 2, 2022 our department served as a host the GARViS training with 36 attendees. Attendees included surrounding County Election Officials, the Secretary of State Elections Division and the vendor of the new voter registration MTX, additionally, a portion of our office team as well as Board Members Pullar and Johnson were in attendance.

## DEPUTY REGISTRAR ACTIVITIES:

All trainings associated with Deputy Registrar activities will be conducted via Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19. For future events, please submit request to elections@claytoncountyga.gov. Director's Operations Report – February 2022 March 4, 2022 Page 8

## TASKS TO BE PERFORMED FOR FUTURE REPORTING PERIODS:

- Street Audits
- Preparing for 2020/2021 Post Election Events
- Redistricting Activities
- Open Records Request
- List Maintenance Preparations/Confirmation Notices
- 2021 Elections and 2022 Elections Planning
- Plan Voter Education/Outreach Events
- Poll Worker/Seasonal Staff Recruitment
- Poll Worker Procedural Writing and Training

## NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

The next scheduled Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022.