

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration

FROM: Shauna Dozier, Elections Director

RE: Operations Report for January - 2023

DATE: February 3, 2023

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 January 2023 and activities since the last Board meeting. The priorities were centered on Pre-Election Day activities associated with the March Special Elections, processing voter registration applications, open record requests, trainings, renovations, audits; as we navigate in our temporary space due to the December 2022 weather conditions that impacted our main office.

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.

<u>2023 GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION OFFICIALS (GAVREO)</u> <u>CONFERENCE</u>:

The conference is scheduled February 12, 2023 – February 15, 2023 and will be held in Jekyll Island.

RENOVATION OF ELECTION CENTER/FORMER 911 BUNKER:

No update for this meeting. We will continue to provide updates to the Board as this process unfolds.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF REGISTRATION & ELECTION MAIN OFFICE:

Due to extreme cold weather conditions over the Christmas holiday, the office experience severe water damage to all floors of the Main Office located in the Historic Courthouse in Annex II. As a result, the office has been temporarily relocated to 1285 Government Circle until further notice. The office has been relocated to the temporary location since December 27, 2022.

2023 ELECTION CALENDAR:

ELECTION	ELECTION DATE
Special Election	March 21, 2023
Special Election Runoff	April 18, 2023*
Special Election	June 20, 2023*
Special Election Runoff	July 18, 2023*
Special Election	September 19, 2023*
Special Election Runoff	October 17, 2023*
Municipal General/Special Election	November 7, 2023
Municipal General/Special Election Runoff	December 5, 2023*

^{*}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.

MARCH 2023 CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS: HOUSE DISTRICT 75:

On January 23, 2023 Governor Brian Kemp issued a writ for the county to conduct a special election on March 21, 2023 to fill the unexpired term of Representative Mike Glanton as a result of a resignation. Qualifying is set to be held at the Secretary of State's Office – Elections Division February 1 - 3, 2023. The qualifying fee is \$400.00.

Should there be a need for a Runoff, it will be held April 18, 2023.

MARCH 2023 QUALIFYING SPECIAL ELECTIONS: SHERIFF

The office conducted qualifying for the Special Election for Sheriff to fill the unexpired term of Victor Hill January 23 – 27, 2023. Five (5) qualified to run in the special election. The qualifying fee was \$4317.99. The office received \$21,589.95 in qualifying fees and submitted the funds to the Finance Department.

The following qualified to run for Sheriff:

QUALIFYING DATE	OFFICE SOUGHT	CANDIDATE NAME	FEE RECEIVED
January 23, 2023	Sheriff	Chris Storey	\$4,317.99
January 23, 2023	Sheriff	Levon Allen	\$4,317.99
January 24, 2023	Sheriff	Clarence Cox	\$4,317.99
January 25, 2023	Sheriff	Dwayne Fabian	\$4,317.99
January 27, 2023	Sheriff	Terry Evans	\$4,317.99

As a result of the newly set special election in House District 75 we may have to adjust our dates/times for all of our pre-election day preparations associated with the March Special Election. Information will be provided at a later date.

2023 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ROCKDALE COUNTY TO USE VOTING EQUIPMENT

Director Dozier request that the Board approves for Clayton County to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the purpose of using a portion of voting equipment from Rockdale County to assist Clayton County in conducting the March Special Elections. This is necessary as a result of allowing the City of Jonesboro to use our voting equipment to conduct their special election. The City of Jonesboro voted to maintain their special election separate from the county wide elections that the county is scheduled to conduct in March. The County entered into an IGA for the usage of the equipment with the City of Jonesboro at the January 10, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

2023 MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION ADVANCE VOTING DATES/TIME:

Director Dozier's recommendations below include expanding Early Voting locations across the county to (7) seven 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.

The recommendation for times is 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM Monday – Friday; Saturdays 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM; and at least one Sunday from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM. At the locations below:

PROPOSED ADVANCE VOTING LOCATION	ADDRESS
MORROW CITY HALL	1500 MORROW ROAD
	MORROW, GA
FOREST PARK SENIOR CENTER	5087 PARK AVENUE
	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
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – ELECTIONS OFFICE	121 S. MCDONOUGH STREET
	JONESBORO, GA 30326
LAKE SPIVEY RECREATION CENTER	2300 WALT STEPHENS ROAD
	JONESBORO, GA 30236

REGISTRATION

VOTER REGISTRATION:

As of February 1, 2023, there are 207,317 (179,763 Active: 27,554 Inactive) Voters.

FELON LIST

Number scheduled for February Hearing: None

SECRETARY OF STATE (GA SOS) GARVIS TRAINING CONFERENCE:

A **Georgia Secretary of State Training Conference** was held at the Classic Center, Athens, GA on **January 4 - 6, 2023**. Two (2) days were on our new voter registration system, (**GARViS**), and training county users on the tool used to manage Knowlnk Poll Pads, **ePulse**.

Our department hosted the Secretary of State's Elections Department to conduct a training for our region on January 19, 2023.

VOTER EDUCATION/OUTREACH & DEPUTY REGISTRAR ACTIVITIES:

DATE OF EVENT	TYPE	EVENT	LOCATION	COMMISSION DISTRICT
2/2/2023	Outreach Voter Education	Barber Talk	Riverdale High School 160 Roberts Drive Riverdale, GA	4
1/28/2023	Voter Registration	Men's Health & Screening Event	Clayton County NW Branch 6131 Riverdale Road Riverdale, GA 30274	1,2,3,4- At Large
1/14/2023	Outreach Voter Ed/Voter Registration	VET Connect	Flint River Community Center 153 Flint River Rd 30274	1,2,3,4- At Large
1/13/2023	Voter Registration	Sneaker Ball	South Clayton Recreation Center 1837 McDonough Rd Hampton, GA 30228	1,2,3,4-At Large
1/12/2023	Outreach Voter Education/Vote Registration	Goodwill Job Fair	HQTR Library 865 Battle Creek Rd Jonesboro, GA 30236	1,2,3,4 –At Large

For future events, please submit request to <u>elections@claytoncountyga.gov</u>. All in-person events have been adjusted for reduced contact due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some trainings associated with Deputy Registrar activities may be conducted via Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19.

TASKS TO BE PERFORMED FOR FUTURE REPORTING PERIODS:

- Preparations for 2023 Elections
- Preparations for 2024 Elections
- Street Audits
- Open Records Request
- Plan Voter Education/Outreach Events

NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

The next scheduled Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023.