



**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS
MINUTES**

Date: August 25, 2020

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Place: Franklin County Elections & Registration Office

Members Present: Doug Kidd, Sherry MacDonald, Roman Strickland, Angela Whidby, Rosemary Jackson, and Gina Kesler, Elections Supervisor

Media Present: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen, MJ Kneiser, WLHR

1. Chairman Kidd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Invocation was led by Board Member Roman Strickland.
3. Approval of Minutes:
Angela Whidby made the motion to approve the minutes for the April 14, 2020 meeting, Rosemary Jackson seconded, all in favor.

4. No Public Comment

5. Items for Discussion:

A. Old Business

1. Early Voting Location: Old Carnesville Elementary School has been secured for Early Voting, October 12 – 30 and Saturday Voting on October 24 from 9-4.
2. Polling Place Changes Update: Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will be the new location for NE Franklin Precinct. City of Lavonia voters will now vote at the Lavonia Community Center for all elections. Royston Depot will be the new location for the Royston Precinct.

B. New Business

1. The schedule for opening/scanning absentee ballots early:

DATE	TIME
Monday, October 26, 2020	9 am – 1 pm
Tuesday, October 27, 2020	9 am – 1 pm
Wednesday, October 28, 2020	9 am – 1 pm
Thursday, October 29, 2020	9 am – 1 pm

2. Vote Review Panel – November 3: John Hylton for the Republican Party and Jackie Payne

C. Election Supervisors Report: Gina gave an update on poll worker recruitment/hiring. The process is going well and will update again at the next meeting.

- Gave an update on PPE Supplies and COVID procedures.
- Spoke about the need to order new signage for early voting and for the 3 precinct changes. Will get this ordered.
- Talked about the Absentee Ballot Request Portal
- Gave an update on important dates: Voter Registration Deadline: October 5
- Early Voting: October 12 – 30: there was discussion on changing the hours for early voting.
- The Board decided to change the hours of Early Voting from 8 am – 4:30 pm to 8 am – 5 pm.
- Saturday Voting: October 24 from 9 am – 4 pm
- The Board decided to discuss the time to arrive on November 3 at the next board meeting.

D. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 @ 5 p.m.

6. The meeting was adjourned.

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These minutes are hereby approved by the board this _____ day of _____ 2020.

Douglas T. Kidd, Chairman
Franklin County Board of Elections and Registration