

REGULAR MEETING – February 4, 2019

On this the 4th day of February, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. the Honorable Election Commission of Blanco County convened in a REGULAR MEETING at a regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse Annex in Johnson City with the following members to-wit:

BRETT BRAY	COUNTY JUDGE
LAURA WALLA	COUNTY CLERK
KRISTEN SPIES	COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR
AL POTEET	REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIR
TERRY CASPARIS	DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR

ITEM 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call.

County Judge Bray, County Clerk Walla, County TAC Spies, Republican Party Chair Poteet, Democratic Party Chair Casparis announced present. Also in attendance – Asst. County Attorney Kim Ashby.

ITEM 2 – Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3 - Consider approval of minutes of prior Election Commission meeting(s).

DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR CASPARIS made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Republican Party Chair Poteet. Judge Bray called for discussion and vote.

JUDGE BRAY – YES.

COUNTY CLERK WALLA – YES.

COUNTY TAC SPIES – YES.

REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIR POTEET – YES.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR CASPARIS – YES. MOTION CARRIED. 5/0

ADDENDUM – Discussion and possible action regarding voter registration citizenship check procedures. Vote on any action taken. (Democratic Party Chair Casparis)

DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR CASPARIS voiced his concern regarding the letter drafted by the Secretary of State to voters that have been “flagged” in the system to have potential citizenship questions. TAC Spies stated that there were seven (7) residents that the letters were mailed to and that three have already cleared up their status. No action was taken.

ITEM 4 – Discussion and possible action regarding applications received for the Elections Administrator position. Vote on any action taken. (Judge Bray)

JUDGE BRAY stated that 9 applications total have been received. Discussion was made and all agreed that the following 5 applicants would be considered for the position: LuCydne Wittkohl, Jaime Ledesma,

Glenda Arnold, Oscar Villarreal, and Maegan Johnson. Further discussion was made regarding potential advertising again for the position via online job search sites. DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR CASPARIS made the motion to post the employment ad, with a cutoff date of 2-19-19, on ziprecruiter.com and indeed.com along with the Texas Association of Election Administrators, County Clerk list serve and Tax Assessor-Collector list serve, seconded by TAC Spies. Judge Bray called for discussion and vote.

JUDGE BRAY – YES.

COUNTY CLERK WALLA – YES.

COUNTY TAC SPIES – YES.

REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIR POTEET – YES.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR CASPARIS – YES. MOTION CARRIED. 5/0

ITEM 5 – Executive Session PASS

ITEM 6 – Return to open session PASS

ITEM 7 – Adjourn.

COUNTY CLERK WALLA made the motion to adjourn, seconded by TAC Spies. Judge Bray called for discussion and vote.

JUDGE BRAY – YES.

COUNTY CLERK WALLA – YES.

COUNTY TAC SPIES – YES.

REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIR POTEET – YES.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR CASPARIS – YES. MOTION CARRIED. 5/0

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 o'clock a.m.

The above and foregoing minutes were examined and approved in Open Court this

day of February, 2019.

State of Texas

County of Blanco

I, Kristen Spies County Tax Assessor Collector, Blanco County, Texas attest that the foregoing is a true and correct accounting of the Election Commission authorized proceedings for February 4, 2019.



Kristen Spies
TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR