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September 8, 2025

The Newberry County Registration and Elections Board met Monday, September 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the election office. Former board Chairman Tony White submitted his letter of resignation from the board as of August 31, 2025. In the absence of a chairman and the lateness of the vice-chairman, Scott Cain was appointed temporary chairman and called the meeting to order. He also opened the meeting with prayer.

Board members present were Scott Cain, Brenda Fulmer, Doretha Simpson and Martha Waller. Board members John Glasgow and Henry Summer attended but were late. Also, present were Director Sheli Madray, Deputy Director Danial Piester and Scott Meetze.

A quorum was established with four board members present.

Doretha Simpson made the motion to approve the agenda for the September 8, 2025, board meeting. Martha Waller seconded. The motion was approved.

Doretha Simpson made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2025, board meeting. Brenda Fulmer seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

Under old business, Director Madray reported that the office is still looking for a replacement location for the Newberry City Ward 4 precinct. Several places were suggested which Director Madray will contact but this precinct will not be included in the November 2025 election so Director Madray is currently attending to more pressing issues.

Following the process of evaluating the polling precinct locations for ADA compliance, Deputy Director Piester has contacted Mr. Mack with the public works department about spare lumber to use for signs at the correct height at the various precincts. The purchase of ADA doorknobs is within the current budget.

After meeting with the County Finance Department regarding a county supplement to poll worker compensation, Director Madray is hopeful that the supplement will be approved for the November 2025 election poll workers.

Director Madray has also met with a company on the possible purchase of Newberry County logo shirts for poll workers on election day, but this will not happen this year. Deputy Director Piester suggested surveying the poll workers for their opinion regarding shirts.

Deputy Director Piester is doing biweekly VOTE-NBY Blasts on Facebook as a quick, easy reminder about the upcoming elections.

Many submissions have been received for the “I Voted” sticker contest. All entries will be posted on the election office’s Facebook page for citizens to vote for their choice.

Under new business, Ballot Styles for the November 4, 2025, Municipal Elections have been approved by the State Election Commission. The UOCAVA ballots were completed today.

Board members were asked to begin considering the idea of Community Voting Centers (CVC). This is an idea developed by the Lexington County Voter Registration Office to comply with Federal Election ADA requirements. This includes using county buildings that are ADA compliant for precinct locations, the distance that voters would have to travel to vote and the possible cost saved by the county by reducing the number of precinct locations.

The State Election Commission (SEC) is working on having a training session for Poll Location Technicians (PLT).

The SEC held their first special Clerk Training session last week. Newberry County is not participating in this program. However, Newberry County is working on rewards for their election precinct clerks.

Director Madray referred board members to the SCVotes.gov web site where much valuable information is available for voters, candidates filing for office and ethics reporting.

At the October board meeting members of the board will begin updating the current By-Laws for the Newberry County Voter Registration and Election Board. Members received a copy of the current By-Laws to review. It was also suggested obtaining copies of the Election Office By-Laws of other counties as a guide.

Director Madray will be speaking at the Little Mountain Town Council meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025. She is also working with the other municipalities in the county.

Doretha Simpson made the motion that the board enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. John Glasgow seconded. The motion was approved. Director Madray, Deputy Director Piester and Scott Meetze left the meeting.

Following discussion, John Glasgow made the motion to return to open session. Doretha Simpson seconded. The motion was approved. Director Madray, Deputy Director Piester and Scott Meetze returned to the meeting.

Brenda Fulmer made the motion that current Vice-Chairman Henry Summer be named temporary Chairman until new permanent officers are elected in December. John Glasgow seconded. The motion was approved.

Brenda Fulmer made the motion that Scott Cain be named temporary Vice-Chairman until the December election of permanent officers. John Glasgow seconded. The motion was approved.

There being no further business, Doretha Simpson made the motion to adjourn. John Glasgow seconded. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm. The next scheduled board meeting will be Monday, October 6, 2025, at 1:00 pm.