****Hart County Board of Elections and Registration

**Minutes**

**November 9, 2015- 1:00 P. M.**

**Board Members**: *Garry Hamilton,* Chairperson, *Ronda Starks,* Board of Elections, *Jim McCormick,* Board of Elections

**Election Coordinator:** *Robin Webb*

**Public:** *Vivian Morgan,* The Hartwell Sun, *George Nolan*

1. **Meeting Called to Order** Chairman, Garry Hamilton
2. **Welcome** Garry Hamilton welcomed guest
3. **Agenda Approved:**
* Jim made the motion to amend agenda to reflect “August” as last meeting date
* Ronda seconded the motion
* No discussion
* All in favor – Agenda approved
1. **Previous Minutes Approved:**
* Jim made motion to approve
* Ronda seconded
* All in favor-Minutes Approved
1. **Chairman’s Report:**
* Garry declared that Town of Bowersville Election was successful
1. **Old Business:** none
2. **New Business:**
	* Discuss Municipal Elections for Hartwell and Bowersville-Garry stated that only problems with election was the failure of cities to update streets lists-Election Coordinator gave procedures that office uses to send streets lists and voters lists to municipals before elections-Garry also proposed to issue a 90 day intent to cease the current IGA to the City of Hartwell for future elections due to procedural issues
		+ Jim McCormick made a motion, that due to procedural issues, to give 90 day notice to City of Hartwell that the existing IGA was not satisfactory, as written, to conduct future elections
		+ Seconded by Ronda Starks, Board Member
		+ all in favor 3-0
		+ Garry Hamilton will follow up with County Attorney, Walter Gordon
	* Municipal street maintenance/deadline for updates-Garry proposed to set deadlines for cities to review and make changes to streets lists and voter lists in future elections-10 business days-this time frame can be adjusted as necessary but not extended beyond a reasonable time to make changes and corrections before deadlines according to the Georgia Election Code
	* Recap Bowersville Election-complimented Town staff and officials for providing street information for provisional voters in a timely manner
	* Thresholds for Advance Voting-the Board agreed to make a proposal to Town of Bowersville to pursue the possibility of approaching Alan Powell to introduce legislation to reduce Advance Voting periods for towns and cities with minimum registered voters-state mandated Advance Voting period is very costly for smaller municipals
		+ Motion by Ronda Starks
		+ 2nd by Jim McCormick
		+ All in favor 3-0
	* Discuss Poll Workers and Training for 2016 Elections-Election Coordinator discussed SOS Poll Worker Training materials available in the future-will use trained Advance Voting Poll Workers and train more as necessary in future elections-will use previous Election Day Poll Workers in future elections-they will be trained each election cycle-Ronda also commented that we need more diversity in Poll Workers-will work to address this concern
	* Discuss December VRAG/GEOA Combined Conference-all Board members and Election Coordinator will attend scheduled classes- to decide on banquet attendance and memberships-declared that it was un-necessary for members to attend Sunday registration-that will be taken care of Monday AM
	* Prepare update for BOC concerning BOE/R
		+ Garry and Election Coordinator will prepare a presentation to be made at a future BOC meeting
		+ Garry will approach BOC for permission to hire temporary employee to answer phone in office while EC and Board Members attend conference when presenting update
		+ Motion by Garry Hamilton
		+ 2nd Jim McCormick
		+ All in favor 3-0
3. **Public Comment:** George Nolan offered compliments to Board from Town of Bowersville concerning election
4. **Executive Session:** none
5. **Meeting Adjourned – 2 P. M.**