



Hart County Board of Elections and Registration
182 Cade Street, Suite B, Hartwell, GA 30643
October 23, 2019 10am
Hearing Minutes Draft

Board Members *Garry Hamilton, Ronda Starks, Joey Osborne*

Staff *Robin Webb*

County Attorney *Walter Gordon*

Guest *Michael Rumsey, George Nolan, David Cagle, Jeff Burney, Grayson Williams, Marshall Sayer, Annette Neal, Joyce Edmunds, Terrell Partain, Joey Dorsey, Jim Jordan*

- 1. Meeting Called to Order** at 10am by Board Chair Garry Hamilton
- 2. Welcome** by Garry Hamilton
Garry Hamilton stated the official challenge and turned the hearing over to Walter Gordon.
- 3. Conduct a hearing to address the challenge against the candidacy of Mr. Michael Rumsey for Town Council Seat, Post 4, Town of Bowersville, Georgia, as a write-in candidate in the November 5, 2019 Municipal General Election.**
Walter Gordon swore in Elections Coordinator, Robin Webb, Challenged Candidate, Michael Rumsey and possible speakers, George Nolan and Jeff Burney.

Mr. Gordon questioned Robin Webb to confirm the qualifying period and deadlines, including for write-in candidates, for the November 5, 2019 Municipal Election. It was also determined no intent of candidacy was received from Michael Rumsey, nor was there any evidence of it being published in the local newspaper.

Mr. Gordon asked Mr. Rumsey if he had any questions for the Election Coordinator. Mr. Rumsey stated that he did not know about the requirements or he would have followed them. When asked for any other comments, Mr. Rumsey stated that he was only wanting to run as a candidate at the request of Bowersville citizens.

Comments were heard from George Nolan, David Cagle, Jeff Burney and Jim Jordan. All comments and questions were addressed by Walter Gordon.

Mr. Gordon then turned the hearing back over to Chairman, Garry Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton called for a motion to whether or not to count and whether or not Mr. Rumsey has met qualifications to have his votes counted.

Joey Osborne made the motion to follow the letter of the law and not count votes cast, or written in, for Mr. Rumsey.

Ronda Starks seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Joey Osborne addressed Mr. Rumsey that his decision was based strictly on the law.

Mr. Gordon informed Mr. Rumsey that he would receive a letter from Board of Elections with the decision.

4. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 10:38

*Garry Hamilton, Chairman, Ronda Starks, Board of Elections, Joey Osborne, Board of Elections
Robin Webb, Elections Coordinator*