

**SYLVESTER-WORTH COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SPECIAL CALLED GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
1:00 PM September 28, 2020
SYLVESTER-WORTH COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/EDA**

The following committee members were in attendance – Becky Geer – Chair, Jean Brooks, Mitch Willis, Christie Foerster, and Karen Rackley

CALL TO ORDER – PRAYER AND PLEDGE - The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM. Prayer led by Jean Brooks. Pledge led by Becky Geer.

AGENDA– The agenda was approved as submitted.

MINUTES – No minutes submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

• **October Meet and Greet:**

The Committee discussed various options concerning holding a Meet and Greet for the candidates in the upcoming election. After discussing inviting candidates on a Federal, State and Local Level, Mr. Earnest Carter suggested to host a meet and greet for just our local candidates everyone on the committee agreed. That would include the Candidates for Coroner and Clerk of Court.

CORNOR - Johnny Johnson (Incumbent)
Charles McDonald

CLERK OF COURT - Brenda Hicks
Marcia Kimbro Inman

Logistics:

Date: October 8, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Program - Welcome – Recognition of Dignitaries in the Audience – Becky Geer
Invocation – Jean Brooks
Posting of Colors – JROTC (Confirmed)
Moderator – Earnest Carter, Jr. – Explanation of format / Introduction of Candidates
Timekeeper – Mitch Willis
Wrap Up – Important Election Dates and Information – Becky Geer

Venue - City of Sylvester – Pedestrian Mall
In case of Rain – Train Depot
Jeffords Park will be alternate location

Set Up - Two Tables
Chairs for Candidates and Committee Members
Podium
Sound System
Flag
Audience brings own chair

NEW BUSINESS

- **SWRTT – Set up Sept 26 to Register to Vote/Census** - Several people stopped by and signed up to register to vote and signed up for the Census.

- **Sample Ballots – On Display in Chamber and can find on myvoterpage.com**
Precincts – List Attached- THE OAKFIELD AND WARWICK PRECINCT WILL BE COMBINED AGAIN FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. A list of all the precincts has been provided by the Elections Office. Ms. Becky Geer stated you can also find a sample copy of all your ballots on <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>. You can also download an app to your phone.
- **Absentee Ballot Dropbox – Installed September 23 – The** new drop-box for the absentee ballot applications was installed September 23, 2020. It is conveniently located at the 1st set of double doors on the North side of the Courthouse. Ms. Geer also stated you need to be extremely careful with filling out the ballots as if they are unsure of your intentions or who you want to vote for it could possibly be considered an invalid ballot.
- **Meet your Candidates Page on Website**
 To access Election Results and Get to Know Your Candidate Page can be found on our link on our Web Page at <https://www.swcountychamber.com/get-to-know-your-candidates.html> The site has ben updated.
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- **Worth County Elections Page** - The Elections Office has posted a sample of all ballots and voter information on their website. You can also access the myvoterpage.gov site from their site.
<https://www.worthelections.com/>

- **November 3rd Election – IMPORTANT DATES**

Absentee Ballots - Can begin requesting on September 15 – last day to request an Absentee Ballot up until Friday before / **suggest you make sure it is requested well before then**

Register to Vote Deadline for November Election – October 5

Early Voting Begins – October 12 – Ends October 30

Saturday Voting – October 24 - 9AM – 4PM

Election Day – November 3

To access Election Results and Get to Know Your Candidate Page can be found on our link on our Web Page at <https://www.swcountychamber.com/get-to-know-your-candidates.html>

- **Census 2020** - Last push for Census. Counts ends September 30, 2020.

Next Government Meeting will be **Monday October 12, 2020 at 1:00 PM**

ACTION ITEMS:

***Call Candidates –**

Follow-up Email to Candidates

Email to Candidates, Constitutional Officers and Representatives to attend

***Contact JROTC (Confirmed)**

***Contact City – Permission to use Venue**

Email Government Committee – Set up 4:30 on Oct 8

Post on Facebook / Chamber Newsletter

***Advertise in newspaper**

No refreshments – Encourage to eat downtown after the Meet and Greet

Karen will contact Coca Cola for Water

Find someone to video event

***COMPLETED**

Adjourn – With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date for the Government Committee is scheduled for October 12, 2020 at 1:00 PM.

Minutes Submitted by:

Karen M. Rackley