

From: "Voting@WarrenCountyGA.gov" <Voting@WarrenCountyGA.gov>

Date: Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 11:53 AM

To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Subject: [Ext]RE: Open Records Request (GA-WARREN-20-0275)

Vibha Kannan
Paralegal
American Oversight
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This is a response from the Warren County Board of Registrars for the request made under the Georgia Open Records Act by you on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 to us for responsive records from June 25, 2013 through December 31, 2017 pertaining to all official or unofficial notices of change to polling place locations et al. for any Warren County voters.

Attached are 29 pages:

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1. Pages 1-16 are provided by the Warren County Board of Registrars
 2. Pages 17-29 are provided by the Warren County Election Superintendent.
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Please note our new email address is voting@warrencountyga.gov

Regards,

Katherine W. Holcomb

Katherine W. Holcomb, Chief Registrar
Warren County Board of Registrars

Community Service Building
48 Warren Street
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Warrenton, GA 30828
(706) 465-1993 (Voice)
(706) 465-2576 (Fax)
voting@warrencountyga.gov (Email)

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From: AO Records [mailto:records@americanoversight.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 4:41 PM
To: voting@warrencountyga.gov
Subject: Open Records Request (GA-WARREN-20-0275)

Dear Open Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Georgia's open records laws.

Sincerely,

Vibha Kannan
Paralegal
American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org
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ORR: GA-WARREN-20-0275

Warren County Board of Registrars
June 5, 2013
Board Meeting Minutes

48 Warren Street
Warrenton, GA 30828
5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Rose Reynolds, Chief
Seneta Engram, Member
Sherryle Hinton, Member
Glinecse Hill, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Kenneth Ansley, Member

Others Present: Katherine Holcomb, Clerk
Janice Thigpen, Election Superintendent

Called to order 5:00 p.m. by Chief Registrar, Rose Reynolds

Minutes from May meeting and April meeting were approved as read with one correction on May minutes of next meeting date should be June 5 not June 1 by motion from Seneta Engram and seconded by Rose Reynolds.

Hearings set pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-228 to determine eligibility of residency issue challenges to remain on voter registration list.

The following cases are scheduled – None

Mock Election was explained and Warren County will be participating. This is practice for future elections and also a test for the new statewide Voter Registration System.

Janice Thigpen, Election Superintendent spoke to the Board concerning precinct consolidation. After hearing about potential cost savings to tax payers and figures about early voting numbers by the clerk, Katherine Holcomb, the Board voted unanimously with a motion made by Glinecse Hill and seconded by Sherryle Hinton to start consolidation proceedings to consolidate 6 precincts to 1 with the voting precinct being located in Warrenton at the Community Service Building.

July 3, 2013 Board Meeting – A motion was made to move the Board meeting from July 3 to July 10, 2013 due to not enough members being able to attend to make a quorum. Motion made by Sherryle Hinton and seconded by Seneta Engram. It passed unanimously.

With no more business to address, motion made to adjourn by Sherryle Hinton and seconded by Seneta Engram. With a unanimous decision the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda
Warren County Board of Registrars
July 10, 2013

1. Minutes
2. Reports by Clerk
3. Results of Mock Election Participation for Warren County
4. Precinct Consolidation and Public Hearing
5. Adjourn

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JULY

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Happy Independence Day

Warrenton Clipper

in the Interest of Warren & Adjoining Counties

July 5, 2013

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Suspect Sought In Robbery At First Citizens

By Karl N. Haywood
News Reporter

Within minutes after the Thomson branch of First Citizens Bank opened for business on Thursday morning, June 27th, an unknown black male demanded the cash from one of the bank tellers and exited the building with an undisclosed amount of money. After an intense man-hunt in the immediate area around the building failed to produce any significant information, a photo of the suspect was later released to media outlets in hopes of obtaining information about the bank robber.

According to police reports, an unknown black male - approximately 180 to 195

pounds at about 5'7" to 5'9" believed to be between 40 to 50 years old - entered The First Citizens Bank branch building on Main Street in Thomson shortly after it opened for business on Thursday morning. The suspect asked for the available cash and immediately exited the building.

The call to local authorities came in around 9:35 a.m. and with The Thomson Police Department Office next door to the bank, Officers were on the scene within minutes. The Thomson Police Department called in McDuffie County Sheriff's Deputies and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

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Public Hearing On Consolidation Of Polling Places

By Karl N. Haywood
News Reporter

The Warren County Superintendent of Elections and Warren County Board of Registrars will be conducting a

public hearing on Tuesday, July 16th for the purpose of obtaining citizen input into the consolidation of polling places in Warren County. The pub-

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Preparing For Independence Day

July 4 is not just another holiday! It is not a holiday recognized here else in the world - only in America. It marks the date of the Declaration of Independence, which was adopted by the people of this country signifying the establishment of a new nation and a future for all of us. City of Warrenton personnel have been changing flags on the Street Lamps in Downtown in honor of Independence Day. Enjoy the holiday with family and friends and remember what this date in our history signifies... and the gift of freedom. (Staff photo)

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give him odd jobs to do.
could sweep their floors,



CELEBRATE WITH SAFETY IN MIND
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Celebrations Stay Safe

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Robbery at First Citizens Bank, Thomson . . .

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tion (GBI) to assist in the search for the unidentified suspected bank robber.

Officers observed the suspect on the bank's surveillance camera recording and were able to collect a frontal-facial image of the suspect. Local Law Enforcement Officers began an immediate and extensive search of the area surrounding the bank - going house-to-house searching and asking for information about possible unusual activity and persons in the area. When the search did not produce sufficient evidence, authorities released the surveillance photo of the suspect to area media outlets hoping to obtain information on the whereabouts of the man in the photo.

As of Monday, July 1st, the suspect still remained "at-large" and complete details of the bank robbery were not released. What is known is the approximate height, weight, and age of the suspect along with his race, gender, and what he was wearing at the time of the bank robbery - a white t-shirt, black pants, eyeglasses, a dark colored baseball type cap, and what was described as red and white tennis shoes. Apparently the suspect was not wearing a mask or facial covering at the time of the bank robbery - as the surveillance photo reveals. He left the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash money.

If anyone has any information concerning this man or the bank robbery, please call the Warren County Sheriff's Office at 706-465-3340; the City of Warrenton Police Department at 706-465-3303; the Thomson Police Department at 706-595-2166; the McDuffie County Sheriff's Office at 706-595-2141; the GBI at 706-595-2575; and/or, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) local office at 706-722-3702.

Hearing Scheduled on Consolidation . . .

(Continued from Front Page)

lic hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the Warren County Community Services Building on Warren Street in Warrenton (next to the Warren County Public

Library).

Officials have announced plans to consolidate all voting precincts in Warren County and all voters will come to the City of Warrenton to cast ballots in General Primary and

General Elections held throughout Warren County. Currently, Warren County has six voting precincts - Warrenton, Camak, Norwood, Beall Springs, Ricketson, and PanHandle.

Following the public hearing, the Superintendent of Elections and the Board of Registrars will determine where voters in Warren County will go to cast their ballots beginning with the General Primary Election in July, 2014.

With the growing popularity of early voting - in which voters come to the City of Warrenton to cast their votes in county-wide elections before election day - local elections officials have determined it more cost effective to utilize and staff one voting precinct for all Warren County on election days. In the last General Election almost half of the votes cast were voted by early voting at the Registrars' Office located in the Warren County Community Services Building in Warrenton.

All Warren County citizens are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing set for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16th.

Local Students On GSU Dean's List

Georgia Southern University recently named 2,444 students for excellence in

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Warren County Board of Registrars
July 10, 2013
Board Meeting Minutes

48 Warren Street
Warrenton, GA 30828
5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Rose Reynolds, Chief
Sherryle Hinton, Member
Glinecse Hill, Board Member
Katherine Holcomb, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Senita Engram, Member

Called to order 5:00 p.m. by Chief Registrar, Rose Reynolds

Minutes from June meeting were approved as read on a motion by Sherryle Hinton and seconded by Glinecse Hill.

No hearings were schedules.

Katherine Holcomb replace Kenneth Ansley on the Board for a 4 years term.

The public meeting to consolidate Warren County Voting Precincts will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. here in the Community Service Building in the Juvenile Court Room. The meeting is open to the public and is the first step in precinct consolidation.

VRAG Conference will be August 11-14 in Athens. The conference is geared to the new Voter Registration System.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 4, 2013.

With no more business to address, motion made to adjourn by Sherryle Hinton and seconded by Rose Reynolds. With a unanimous decision the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Agenda
Warren County Board of Registrars
August 7, 2013

1. Minutes
2. Reports
3. Precinct Consolidation and Public Hearing
4. Adjourn

PUBLIC HEARING

By: Election Superintendent & Board of Registrars

July 16, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Re: CLOSING OF PRECINCTS

Held at the Community Services Building

48 Warren Street, Warrenton

(Next to Library)

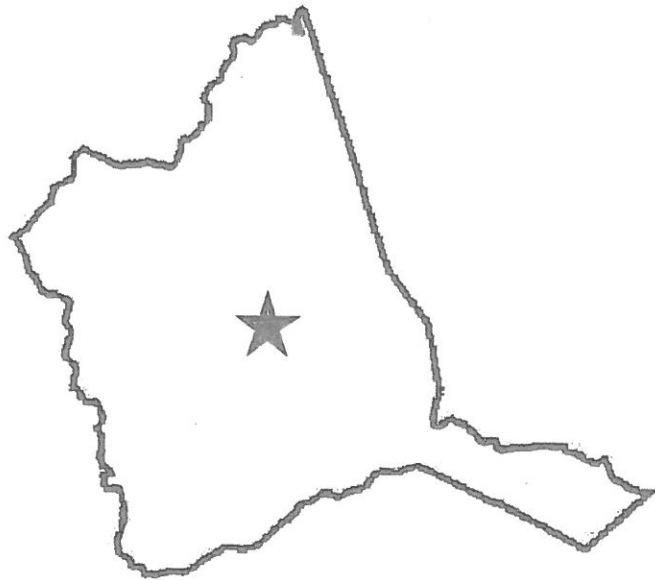
Juvenile Courtroom

Public Hearing for the
Proposed Consolidation of the
Warren County Voting Precincts

July 16, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Community Service Building
Warrenton, Georgia



Warren County Election Superintendent
Warren County Board of Registrars

During the November 2008 General Election and November 2012 General Election, 1200 registered voters cast their votes early at the Warren County Board of Registrar's Office either in person or by mail. This is 47% of the voter turnout or 33% of the total number of registered voters. The Board of Registrars believes this trend will continue and expand in the future.

Since elections are funded by county taxpayers and considering the current economic financial condition, the Board feels having 6 voting precincts is an unjust waste of financial resources.

This consolidation if granted will result in:

- Camak, Norwood, Beall Springs, Ricketson and Pan Handle Precincts being consolidated into the Warrenton Precinct creating one voting precinct
- Significant cost savings to the county
- No rental fees for building use in the Pan Handle Precinct
- Significant printed material cost reduction
- Less poll workers needed
- Tremendous savings on runoff costs
- Equipment remains in building—less chance for damage
- Less traveling for equipment setup and takedown
- Less confusion for public as to where to go vote
- More machines available in one location—less waiting time for voters
- Better use of personnel
- Building and facilities are handicap accessible
- Ample parking
- Board of Registrars on site to handle any concerns that may arise on Election Day

Proposed Voting Precinct location will be:

Community Service Building (Next to Library)
48 Warren Street
Warrenton, Georgia

STATE OF GEORGIA)
COUNTY OF WARREN) ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE PRECINCTS
AND POLLING PLACES IN WARREN COUNTY

On June 14, 2013, the Warren County Board of Registrars recommended to the Warren County Superintendent of Elections that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-262(b), all voting precincts and polling places in Warren County be consolidated into a single precinct with a single polling place located at the Warren County Community Services Building in Warrenton.

The Superintendent held a public forum on July 16, 2013, where citizens were given the opportunity to ask questions and voice opinions concerning the proposed consolidation. Notice of the public forum was published in *The Warrenton Clipper* for two weeks in advance thereof.

After the public forum was held, the Superintendent published notice in The *Warrenton Clipper* once a week for two consecutive weeks (July 26 and August 2) of her intent to consider the proposed precinct and polling place consolidation on August 16, 2013. The notice specified that any objections to the proposed consolidation must be filed with the Superintendent before this date.

WHEREFORE, having considered the proposed consolidation of precincts and polling places as proposed by the Board of Registrars, including the concerns and opinions brought to her attention beforehand, and having found that the proposed consolidation promotes the convenience of electors and the public interest and is otherwise permissible under the law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all voting precincts and polling places in Warren County be consolidated into a single precinct with a single polling place located at the Warren County Community Services Building in Warrenton.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all steps necessary to implement this consolidation shall be carried out by the Superintendent and her staff.

So ordered this ¹⁴26 day of August, 2013.


JANICE THIGPEN
Warren County Superintendent of
Elections
521 Main St.
Warrenton, GA 30828
706-465-2227

The Warrenton Clipper

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED VOTING PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACE CONSOLIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Warren County Board of Registrars recommended to the Warren County Superintendent of Elections that all voting precincts and polling places in Warren County be consolidated into a single precinct with a single polling place located at the Warren County Community Services Building in Warrenton. The Warren County Superintendent of Elections will make her consideration of the proposed precinct and polling place consolidation on August 16, 2013. Any objections to the proposed consolidation must be filed with the Superintendent of Elections before this date.

-s-Hon. Janice Thigpen
Superintendent of Elections
521 Main Street
Warrenton, GA 30828
706-465-2227

Warren County Board of Registrars
August 7, 2013
Board Meeting Minutes

48 Warren Street
Warrenton, GA 30828
5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Rose Reynolds, Chief
Sherryle Hinton, Member
Glinecse Hill, Board Member
Katherine Holcomb, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Senita Engram, Member

Called to order 5:00 p.m. by Chief Registrar, Rose Reynolds

Minutes from July meeting were approved as read on a motion by Sherryle Hinton and seconded by Glinecse Hill.

No hearings were scheduled.

Kathy Holcomb will attend the VRAG conference in Athens on August 11-14, 2013. This years' conference is about the new ENet System.

Currently citizens can object to the precinct consolidation until August 18, 2013.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 4, 2013.

With no more business to address, motion made to adjourn by Sherryle Hinton and seconded by Rose Reynolds. With a unanimous decision the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Agenda
Warren County Board of Registrars
September 4, 2013

1. Minutes
2. Reports
3. Precinct Consolidation, Public Hearing and Consent Order
4. Federal Civil Action Order to move 2014 Election Dates in Georgia
5. Municipal Election
6. Adjourn

Warren County consolidated its 6 voting precincts into one on August 26, 2013.

Previous precincts:

Warrenton (1)

Camak (2)

Norwood (3)

Beall Springs (4)

Ricketson (5)

Pan Handle (6)

Current precinct:

Warrenton (1)

No change to the current Commission District line

No change to the current Board of Education District lines

Warren County Board of Registrars
October 2, 2013
Board Meeting Minutes

48 Warren Street
Warrenton, GA 30828

Board Members Present:

Rose Reynolds, Chief
Senita Engram, Member
Sherryle Hinton, Member
Katherine Holcomb, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Glinecse Hill, Board Member

Called to order 5:00 p.m. by Registrar, Katherine Holcomb

Minutes from September meeting were approved as read on a motion by Senita Engram and seconded by Rose Reynolds.

No hearings were scheduled.

Precinct Consolidation, Public Hearing and Consent Order presented and accepted.

The City of Warrenton election was discussed with a reminder that the Board has to be present while the polls are open.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

With no more business to address, motion made to adjourn by Sherryle Hinton and seconded by Senita Engram. With a unanimous decision the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Agenda
Warren County Board of Registrars
November 6, 2013

1. Minutes
2. Reports
3. Provisional Ballots
4. Municipal Election Outcome
5. Consolidation and Board of Education District Lines Project
6. Adjourn

1 = I presented this info to
Bd of Registrars

2 = Bd petitioned me
(Election Supt)

3 = Notice in Paper (run ³ times)

4 = List of people that
came to meeting
(Very important)

5 = Notice to paper
(give at least 10
days from # 4 date)
run 1 time

6 = Guidelines from
my attorney

#1

Total expense that can be cut back: \$13,120.00

- Reduction in poll workers
- Cleaning of buildings
- Supplies for cleaning
- Reduction in man power to move trucks
- Reduction in heating and cooling cost
- No rent
- Reduction in cost for travel to different polling locations
- Reduction in supply cost

• *Printing Cost*

• *No confusion as to where voter should vote*

Warren County Board of Registrars

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48 Warren Street
P. O. Box 186
Warrenton, Georgia 30828
E-mail: warrenvotereg@classicsouth.net

Telephone (706) 465-1993

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Kenneth Ansley, Member
Seneta Engram, Member

Rose Reynolds, Chief

Glinecse Hill, Member
Sherryle Hinton, Member

June 14, 2013

The Honorable Judge Janice G. Thigpen
Warren County Election Superintendent
521 Main Street, Suite 104
Warrenton, GA 30828

Judge Thigpen:

The Warren County Board of Registrars met on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 and after discussion voted to petition you as Election Superintendent for consolidation of the voting precincts under O.C.G.A. 21-2-262(b).

The petition, and map are attached.

Sincerely,

Rose B. Reynolds

Rose Reynolds
Chief Registrar

Attachments: Petition
Map

cc: Kenneth Ansley
Senita Engram
Glinecse Hill
Sherryle Hinton
File

PETITION

#2

During the November 2008 General Election and November 2012 General Election, 1200 registered voters cast their votes early at the Warren County Board of Registrar's Office either in person or by mail. This is 47% of the voter turnout or 33% of the total registered voters. The Board believes this trend will continue and expand in the future.

Since elections are funded by county taxpayers and considering the current economic financial condition, the Board feels having 6 precincts is an unjust waste of financial resources.

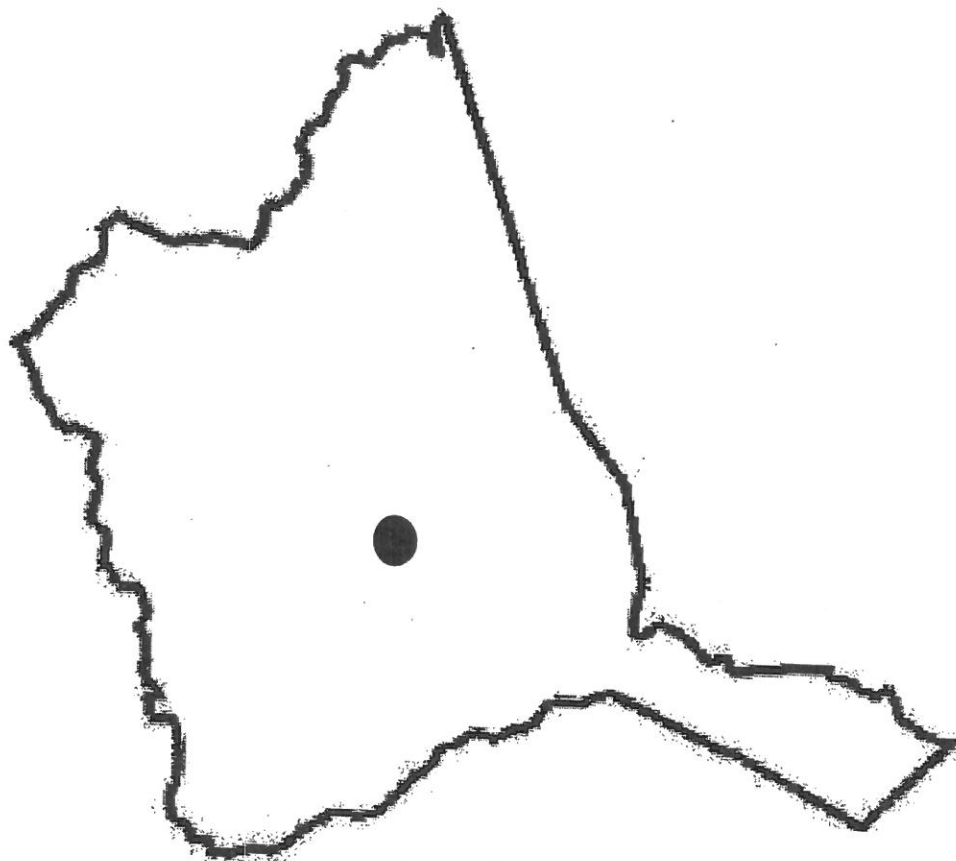
We, the Warren County Board of Registrars petition the superintendent of Elections of Warren County, Georgia for the consolidation of these 6 precincts. This consolidation if granted will result in:

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- No rental fees for building use in the Pan Handle Precinct
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- Less traveling for equipment setup and takedown
- Less confusion for public as to where to go vote
- More machines available in one location – less waiting time for voters
- Better use of personnel

The Warrenton precinct is located in the center of the county and is able to accommodate voters, has adequate parking and is ADA complaint. The Board of Registrars is readily available to handle any concerns that may arise on Election Day.

Proposed Consolidated Precinct Location

#2



Community Service Building

48 Warren Street

Warrenton, GA 30828

#3

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF WARREN

NOTICE OF WARREN COUNTY PRECINCT CONSOLIDATION

Pursuant to Official Georgia Code 21-2-262(b), on June 5, 2013, Warren County Board of Registrars voted unanimously to recommend to the Warren County Superintendent of Elections the consolidation of the following precincts into the Warrenton precinct: Beall Springs, Camak, Norwood, Ricketson, Panhandle.

On July 16, 2013, the Warren County Superintendent of Elections held a public meeting to discuss the proposed consolidation.

On August 9, 2013, the Warren County Superintendent of Elections will make her consideration of the proposed consolidation. Any objections to the proposed consolidation must be filed with the Superintendent of Elections before this date.

For additional information contact:

Janice Thigpen
Superintendent of Elections
521 Main St.
Warrenton, GA 30828

706-465-2227

Public Hearing for the Proposed Consolidation
of the Warren County Voting Precincts

July 16, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Community Service Building
Warrenton, Georgia

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Please Sign In

Bobby & Janice Thigpen
Hester & Holcomb
Sam Hitchen
Hugh Hobbs
John Martin Jr.
Casper Martin
Thomas Nealey
DAVID MYRICK
Blaise Hill
Brenda Cooper
Steve Cooper
John Brubaker
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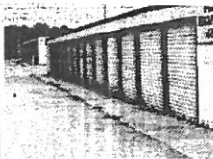
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Hon. Janice Thigpen
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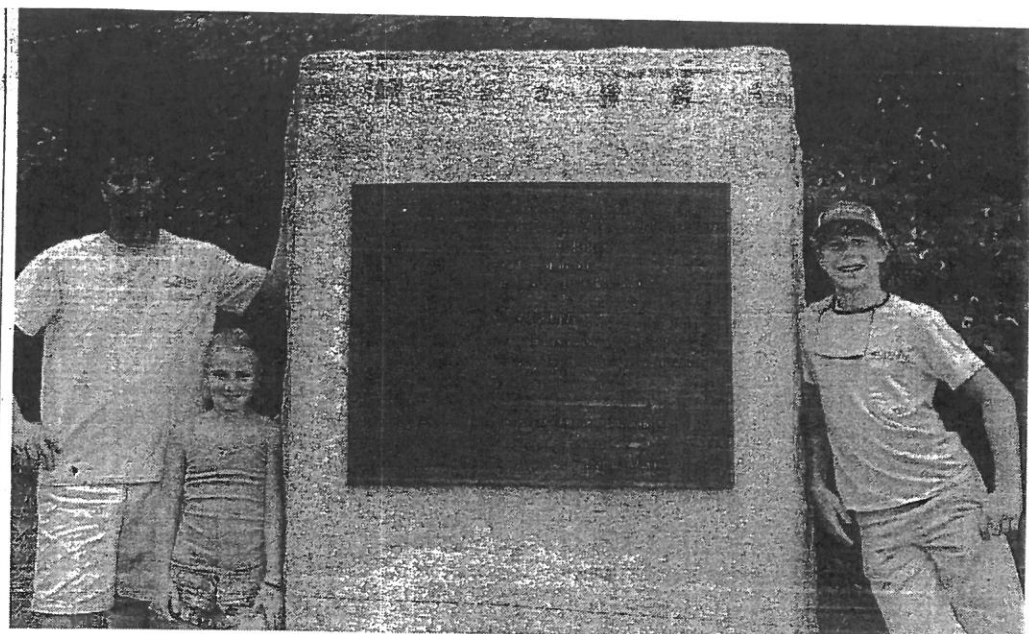
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4th VA Regiment Campsite

Scott Johnson, Ella Johnson and Will Johnson are pictured at the 4th VA regiment campsite where William Johnson camped at Valley Forge, PA during winter from 1777-1778. (Photo and text submitted.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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-s-Hon. Janice Thigpen
Superintendent of Elections
521 Main Street
Warrenton, GA 30828
706-465-2227

July 26
Aug 2

Ad. for Public Meeting
GA-WARREN-20-0275-A-000025
June 28, July 5, July 12

#6

Scott W. Kelly
Direct Fax No: (706) 396-3623
E-mail Address: Skelly@fulcherlaw.com
Admitted in Georgia

July 8, 2013

Hon. Janice Thigpen
Elections Superintendent
521 Main Street
Warrenton, GA 30828

RE: Precinct Consolidation
Our File No: 6065-1

Dear Judge Thigpen:

In reference to the proposed precinct consolidation of Warren County, the information provided in this letter should serve as a guide for initiating and implementing the process in full accordance with Georgia law.

I. The Board of Registrars: Initiating the Change

To begin the process of precinct consolidation, the Warren County Board of Registrars should first petition the Superintendent of Elections of Warren County. The Superintendent of Elections is the party responsible for considering and implementing such changes. The Board of Registrars should include in its petition a description of the proposed changes and a map depicting the new voting precinct(s). We understand this step has already occurred.

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II. The Superintendent of Elections: Implementing the Change

Once the petition has been presented to the Superintendent, the Superintendent should determine whether the proposed consolidation will promote the convenience of electors and the public's interest. If, in light of these interests, the Superintendent decides to order such consolidation, he or she must next make certain that the newly proposed precinct consists of areas which are bounded on all sides only by:

- (1) Visible features which are readily distinguishable upon the ground (such as streets, railroad tracks, streams, lakes, and ridges) and which are indicated upon official Department of Transportation maps, current census maps, city or county planning

maps, official municipal maps, official county maps, or any combination of such maps;

- (2) The boundaries of public parks;
- (3) The boundaries of public school grounds;
- (4) The boundaries of churches;
- (5) The boundaries of counties and incorporated municipalities; or
- (6) The boundaries of restricted access residential communities.

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Assuming these conditions are satisfied, the Superintendent, prior to making a final order to consolidate, must next adhere to the following procedural requirements.

A) Providing Notice of Precinct Consolidation

The Superintendent must advertise notice of the proposed consolidation in the legal organ of Warren County. The notice should include:

- (1) A brief description of the consolidation plan recommended by the Board of Registrars;
- (2) The date of which the Superintendent will make his or her consideration; and
- (3) A warning that any person opposed to the consolidation must file his or her objections with the Superintendent before this date.

After such notice is provided, the Superintendent must wait at least 10 days before making the order for consolidation final. Before making the order, however, the Superintendent should make sure that the precinct changes will not be implemented on the day of, or 60 days prior to, any general primary or election, or 30 days prior to any special primary or election. Upon making the final order, the Superintendent should then certify a copy of the order to the Board of Registrars. The Superintendent should also notify the Board of Registrars within 10 days after the changes are adopted.

B) Providing Notice of Change of Polling Place

If consolidation of the voting precincts will entail changes to existing polling places, the Superintendent must also provide notice of any intended change of a polling place:

- (1) Notice of the proposed change must be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the legal organ of Warren County;
- (2) On the first election day after the change, notice of the change must be posted on the previous polling place and at three places in its immediate vicinity; and

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- (3) Notice of the change must be provided in writing to the occupant or owner of the previous polling place, or his or her agent, at the time notice is published in the legal organ.

The Superintendent should also make sure that the polling place is accessible to disabled voters. Finally, if a petition signed by 20 percent of the voters in the precinct is presented to the Superintendent on or before the day set for hearing of the petition for change of a polling place, the change shall not be ordered.

C) State Required Filings

Finally, the Superintendent must file the following items with the Secretary of State and the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office:

- (1) A map reflecting any changes in precincts within 20 days after the changes are made;
- (2) A copy of any communications to or from the United States Department of Justice relating to any precincts within 20 days after such communication is sent or received;
- (3) A copy of any pleading initiating a court action potentially affecting any precincts within 30 days after it is filed;
- (4) A copy of any court order affecting any precincts within 20 days after it is entered;
- (5) For precincts that use the boundaries of a restricted access residential community, a map clearly delineating the boundaries of the community and clearly depicting the streets contained within such community and a list of the streets within such community and the address ranges of such streets; and
- (6) Any other documentation necessary to allow the Secretary of State to maintain a current listing of all precincts in this state.

D) Federal Required Filings

Generally, the Superintendent would also submit the changes to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. However, due to the United States Supreme Court's recent decision in Shelby County v. Holder, 570 U.S. ____ (2013), the Court held the Voting Rights Act's jurisdictional formula unconstitutional. As a result, it is my opinion that the Superintendent does not need to submit any changes to DOJ for approval.

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NOTICE OF WARREN COUNTY PRECINCT CONSOLIDATION

Pursuant to Official Georgia Code 21-2-262(b), on June 5, 2013, Warren County Board of Registrars voted unanimously to recommend to the Warren County Superintendent of Elections the consolidation of the following precincts into the Warrenton precinct: Beall Springs, Camak, Norwood, Ricketson, Panhandle.

On July 16, 2013, the Warren County Superintendent of Elections held a public meeting to discuss the proposed consolidation.

On August 9, 2013, the Warren County Superintendent of Elections will make her consideration of the proposed consolidation. Any objections to the proposed consolidation must be filed with the Superintendent of Elections before this date.

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