



LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Liberty County Courthouse - 1923 Sam Houston St, Room 203 - Liberty, Texas 77575

February 13, 2023

4:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER :**

Meeting will be called to order by County Judge Jay Knight.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022**, at 4:02 P.M., Judge Jay Knight called to order a **SPECIAL CALLED** meeting of the **LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION** of Liberty County, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

Hon. Jay Knight, County Judge, Chairman of the Commission
Hon. Lee Haidusek Chambers, County Clerk, Vice-Chairperson of the Commission
Hon. Richard Brown, Tax Assessor-Collector, Secretary of the Commission
Hon. Michael Mark, Liberty County Democratic Party Chairperson (via Zoom)
Hon. Emily Cook, Liberty County Republican Party Chairperson

Other elected officials present:

Hon. Matthew Poston, Liberty County Attorney

Having a quorum established, the Liberty County Elections Commission considered the following matters:

2. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST :**

Notice to the Liberty County Elections Commission of a conflict of interest that may require the Commission member to be excused or abstain from voting on a particular agenda item.

None declared.

3. **RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT :**

The Liberty County Elections Commission will consider, discuss, and approve any limitations to the time allotted for public comment.

MOTION TO LIMIT PUBLIC COMMENT TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER PERSON.

MOTION BY: Richard Brown
SECONDED BY: Emily Cook
VOTED AYE: Emily Cook, Jay Knight, Lee Chambers, Richard Brown, Michael Mark
VOTED NO: None
ABSTAINED FROM VOTE: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None
THE MOTION PASSED.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT :

Public comment on a specific agenda item will be allotted subject to the limitations approved by the Liberty County Elections Commission members.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SPOKE TO THE LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION:

- 1. AUBREY VAUGHN, CLEVELAND, TEXAS, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF KLINT BUSH BEING RE-INSTATED AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR;**
- 2. STEPHEN BUSH, HARDIN, TEXAS, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF KLINT BUSH BEING RE-INSTATED AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR;**
- 3. JULIA MARTINEZ, CLEVELAND, TEXAS, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF KLINT BUSH BEING RE-INSTATED AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR;**
- 4. DANITA MASSEY, LIBERTY, TEXAS, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF NOT USING TAX FUNDS TO PAY A PERSON ARRESTED FOR THE CRIMES IN QUESTION;**
- 5. PAMELA SMITH, HULL, TEXAS, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF KLINT BUSH BEING RE-INSTATED AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR;**
- 6. KLINT BUSH, HARDIN, TEXAS, ADDRESSING THE SUSPENSION AND REQUESTING TO BE RE-INSTATED AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR;**
- 7. TONY MAY, DAYTON, TEXAS, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF KLINT BUSH BEING RE-INSTATED AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR;**
- 8. RON BLAKE, LIBERTY, TEXAS, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF KLINT BUSH BEING RE-INSTATED AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR; AND**
- 9. GIDEON WATSON, HARDIN, TEXAS, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF KLINT BUSH BEING RE-INSTATED AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR.**

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION :

The Liberty County Elections Commission may adjourn into an Executive Session to receive advice of legal counsel and discuss personnel matters as authorized under Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with legal counsel) and Section 551.074 (personnel matters) regarding Agenda Item Number 6 as stated below. The meeting will reconvene after the Executive Session to publicly take up Agenda Item Number 6.

MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE ADVICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL) AND SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) REGARDING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6 AS STATED BELOW.

MOTION BY: Richard Brown

SECONDED BY: Michael Mark

VOTED AYE: Emily Cook, Jay Knight, Lee Chambers, Richard Brown, Michael Mark

VOTED NO: None

ABSTAINED FROM VOTE: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

THE MOTION PASSED.

THE LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION ADJOURNED INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:26 P.M.

THE LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION RECONVENED FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:55 P.M.

6. ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR :

Discuss, consider and approve the continued suspension, with pay, of the employment of Elections Administrator, Klint Bush, or take other action regarding the employment of Elections Administrator, Klint Bush, including suspension without pay or termination.

MOTION TO CONTINUE THE SUSPENSION OF THE ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR, KLINT BUSH, WITH PAY, FOR SIXTY (60) DAYS, WITH ANOTHER MEETING TO OCCUR IN SIXTY (60) DAYS, WHILE RESERVING THE RIGHT TO HOLD A MEETING SOONER TO RECONSIDER THE SUSPENSION IF ANY RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS COME FORWARD DURING THAT TIME PERIOD.

MOTION BY: Michael Mark

SECONDED BY: Richard Brown

VOTED AYE: Jay Knight, Lee Chambers, Richard Brown, Michael Mark

VOTED NO: None

ABSTAINED FROM VOTE: Emily Cook

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

THE MOTION PASSED.

7. ADJOURN :

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

MOTION BY: Richard Brown

SECOND BY: Michael Mark

VOTED AYE: 4

VOTED NO: 0

ABSENT FOR VOTE: 0

THE MOTION PASSED.

HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:59 P.M.

THESE DULY RECORDED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION OF LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS, ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

**HON. RICHARD BROWN, TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
SECRETARY OF THE LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION**