

Pickens County BOE - Hand Recount Request Timeline

It has come to my attention that it would be helpful if we could provide some insight into what has been going on with the BOE and the citizens of Pickens County since June 8th when we requested the hand recount of the Republican Governor and Secretary of State races. What has transpired since we started our journey is very confusing. The below timeline will provide some clarity. However, keep in mind what we are attempting to do has never been done. There are many gray areas in the election code, and much is left to interpretation. Next up our case (Mora Lawsuit) will be heard by a Superior Court Judge in Cobb County on September 19th, 2022.

Wednesday June 8th

Citizens of Pickens County requested a hand recount of the Governor and SOS races. The purpose in doing so was to provide confidence in the election process. All BOE members stated our request was reasonable and would be supportive, but needed time to discuss the legal aspects plus review the process to ensure the recount was done correctly.

Tuesday June 14th

During the Pickens County GOP meeting Mr. Rick Jasperse stated he had talked to the SOS and Governor and they both told him to put a foot on it. However, Mr. Jasperse stated he supported the citizens with moving ahead and would assist with the court order.

Friday June 17th

Pickens County Attorney, Phil Landrum, met with Chris Mora to discuss moving ahead with the process to get a judge to unseal the ballots. Mr. Landrum advised Chris Mora that he would assist, and the best way to move ahead was to file a friendly lawsuit, which is now being called the Mora Lawsuit.

Friday June 24th

Friendly lawsuit was filed in the AM to unseal the ballots in the Appalachian Superior Court. In the afternoon Chief Judge Weaver recused herself.

Tuesday June 28th

Appalachian Superior Court Judges Worcester and Priest recuse themselves.

June 30th

Pickens County BOE holds an executive session/meeting. Since this was an executive session, the agenda was unknown.

Thursday July 7th

We started an email campaign directed to all the BOE members requesting them to move forward with a hand recount.

Tuesday July 12th

Pickens County GOP meeting. Mr. Rick Jasperse stated that he didn't say he had talked to the Governor and SOS about putting a foot on it. Videos were shown.

Thursday July 19th

Republican BOE member, Mr. Mike Carver, stated during the meeting that the Pickens County BOE had the authority to write a court order requesting a hand recount/audit. After Mr. Carver's statement the Pickens County BOE voted 3 to 1 in favor to move ahead with a hand recount. After the meeting Mr. Landrum advised Mr. David Oles that the BOE should have the order written by Friday July 22nd.

Tuesday July 26th

We learn that Mr. Landrum would not write a petition for the court order to unseal the ballots. We can speculate on the change, but we don't know the true reason.

Monday August 1st

We learn that Cherokee County BOE was advised and threatened with high fines and lawsuits if the BOE moved forward with their hand recount tentatively scheduled for August 8th. Cherokee County BOE then voted 3 to 1 against moving ahead with their hand recount. Future action is unknown.

Tuesday August 2nd

Pickens County BOE meeting to determine the status of the Pickens County BOE hand recount. We learned in this meeting that neither the BOE nor the County Attorney, Phil Landrum, would respond to any questions due to the pending Mora Lawsuit.

Monday September 19th

Mora Lawsuit to be heard in the Superior Court in Cobb County. The case number is 2022SUCV0327 filed June 24th, 2022 at 09:18 AM.