

Morgan County Commission Meeting

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Readable Speaker Transcript

00:00:00 Chairman Ray Long

Please stand.

00:00:02 Commissioner Jeff Clark

Let's pray. Dear Father, we thank this beautiful day. Lord, we just thank you for the rain you go. Lord, we just ask that you be with our soldiers that are overseas and the families that are here. Lord, we just ask you be with our elected officials. May the things that we do here today be pleased with you. All these things we ask in your name. Amen. Amen. Attention, salute and pledge.

00:00:23 All in Attendance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the. United States of America. And to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty. And justice for all.

00:00:41 Chairman Ray Long

All right, I know there's some here needing to address the commission this morning. What we do is, when we get started, this is our part for y'all to have other comments. So what we do, we'll give you three minutes, or if we don't ask your questions, you can always ask them. If you want to ask yourself to stay around until after the meeting, and then we'll have time then to address any issues you have. Does anybody right now who wants to speak first? I know we've got several. Come on, let me state your name if you don't care.

00:01:14 Brad Richards

Thank you. Good morning, members of the commission. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Brad Richards, and I live in the city. We are here today because we are deeply concerned about the state of our elections. We are here because we believe that within the walls of this courthouse that people are here to remedy this problem. We come before you with this evidence of what we've discovered in reviewing the Morgan County voter list. This is a nonpartisan issue. Through careful, methodical review of Morgan County's voter lists, spanning data from 2020, through 2025, we have found that our voter registration lists are not being maintained in compliance with existing state and federal law. We believe this is not a failure of our local registrars. Rather, it is a systemic issue that demands attention. Our purpose today is simple to share what we've found. We respectfully ask for your support in ensuring that every legal vote in Morgan County counts. from that no legal vote is nullified by one that is not. In January of this year, it was announced that Alabama had 186 non-citizens registered to vote, and 25 of them had voted. Morgan County had identified 7 non-citizens, one of which had voted. We have found no evidence of the person who voted being charged. Has that individual been indicted? Recently on June 26, a Department of Homeland Security memo revealed that Alabama still has 33,165 deceased individuals, as well as 465 non-citizens on the list. This would indicate that the cleanup was unsuccessful. Why is this? As residents of Morgan County, in three months we've been able to identify many problems with the voter list. We have heard from registrars in three different counties that when they remove ineligible individuals, the changes are not implemented or are being reversed. Something outside of our local registrar's office seems to be broken. Should we as residents and voters of Morgan County and you, As representatives of Morgan County, people concerned? Again, our mission is

nonpartisan. We are focused on compliance with the National Voter Registration Act and Alabama law. Our purpose is to shine the light on what we've discovered. We're here to encourage those involved in our election processes to bring our voter list into compliance to help restore much needed confidence in our elections. Something must be done. Thank you.

00:04:16 Chairman Ray Long

Thank you. Next.

00:04:23 Richard Graham

My name is Richard Graham, Decatur, Alabama. Thanks for the opportunity to speak. So carrying off the grass list here, here's a list of just some of their findings. The 2020 voter list shows voter number 3811 and Joppa first voted in the 2008 presidential preference primary. that was held on February 5th, 2008 at the age of 8 1/2. This voter last voted in the 2016 general election that was held on November 8th, 2016 at the age of 17.2. In the 2020 voter list shows voter number 7793 of Danville first voted in the 2006 general election that was held on November 7th, 2006 at the age of 6.8. This voter last voted in the 2016 general election that was held on November 8th, 2016 at the age of 16.8. In the 2020 voter list shows voter number 4668 of Decatur first voted in the 2002 general election that was held on November 5th, 2002 at the age of 15.3. This voter last voted in the 2002 general election that was held on November 5th, 2002 at the age of 15.3. The 2020 voter list shows voter number 8825 of Decatur first voted in the 1998 general election that was held on November 3rd, 1998 at the age of 10.9. This voter last voted in the 2004 general election that was held on November 2nd, 2004 at the age of 16.9. And then the 2020 voter list shows voter number 8347 of Decatur first voted in the 1994 general election That was held on November 8th, 1994, the age of negative 4.3. This voter last voted the 2016 general election that was held on November 8th, 2016 at the age of 17.7. Thank you.

00:06:15 Chairman Ray Long

Thank you.

00:06:16 Tara Richards

Good morning, my name is Tara Richards and I live in Decatur. Carrying on with that, we have discovered in the 2025 voter list. showing a voter in Hartzell first voted in the U.S. 2017.

00:06:31 Chairman Ray Long

I'm sorry, but can you step up a little bit? I'm old. I'm getting tired of hearing already.

00:06:37 Tara Richards

The 2025 voter list shows voter 7199 of Hartzell first voted in the U.S. 2017 Senate General that was held on December 12, 2017 at the age of 17.5. The 2025 voter list shows voters 7401 of Falkville first voted in the 2016 presidential prevalence primary that was held on March 1st 2016 at the age of 17.1 through our analysis we show that something seems to be slipping by allowing underage voters to vote but our analysis did reveal that Morgan County registrars are doing an excellent job encouraging deceased voters thank you thank you.

00:07:24 Chairman Ray Long

Anybody else?

00:07:30 Chris Greenstein

Hello, my name is Chris Greenstein. I live in Morgan County. We have found a person who has registered to vote and has been voting in Morgan County. This person was convicted in Morgan County of a crime of moral turpitude, which was a Class B felony. Because this person is still on probation and has not

completed their sentence, they are ineligible to restore their voting rights through a certificate of eligibility to register to vote. This person has applied for a pardon twice and is denied both times. Even though this person is ineligible to vote, the system did not stop them and they have voted more than 10 times since their sentence began with their last vote passed in 2024. This person last re registered to vote in 2017, which was many years after their conviction. This convicted felon is still listed as active on the voter list. Thank you all for your time.

00:08:19 Chairman Ray Long

Thank you. Anybody else? Anybody else need to address the Commission? Thank you all. Thank you all for coming. Like I said, we'll be around afterwards and you know, just sound like y'all done a lot of research. When you do leave, when you go out in the hall here, if you'll look down, there's another door on the end here that some of this probably needs to be brought up to the district attorney's office. But thank you all for coming and sharing that with us today. All right, does anybody else need to address the commission? If not, we'll get into the agenda.