

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Linda J. Sutton**  
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MEMBER



**Robert H. Coffman**  
Director of Elections

## FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING – May 11, 2010

Present: Linda J. Sutton, Chair  
Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary  
Jerry D. Jordan, Member

Staff: Rob Coffman, Director of Elections  
Lamar Joyner, Deputy Director of Elections  
Judy Speas, Senior Office Assistant  
Rebecca VanderKlok, Office Assistant

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### Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:14 AM in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room.

### Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for May 4, 2010. Ms. Sutton entertained a motion for corrections or additions to the minutes. Mr. Dickerson questioned whether the violation of double voting by a one stop voter would be referred to the State Board. Mr. Coffman agreed that the issue would be formally referred for investigation. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### Hand/Eye Audit

The Board of Elections staff conducted the required hand/eye audit with the Board in attendance. Mr. Coffman explained the procedure for the audit which is regulated by the State Board of Elections. The four precincts that were randomly chosen by the State Board after the 2010 Primary Election were 132 – Pfafftown Christian (434 votes), 204 – Home & Garden (LJVM) (133 votes), 205 – Paisley Middle School (75 votes), and 206 – North Hills Elementary (167 votes). The office audited in each precinct was the Court of Appeals - Calabria seat. The ballots were removed from the sealed ballot boxes; four tables with three staff members each were assembled to complete the hand/eye audit. The results were that the Election Day totals of each precinct matched exactly with the hand/eye audit. Ms. Sutton requested a motion to certify the hand eye audit of the 2010 Primary Election. Mr. Dickerson moved to certify the hand eye audit. The motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of Absentee Ballots

Ms. Sutton requested that Ms. VanderKlok present the recommendation of supplemental absentee ballots to the Board. Absentee mailed ballots are now allowed to be approved if postmarked by the day of the election and received by three days after the election. Ms. VanderKlok recommended 62 supplemental absentee ballots for approval and two for disapproval. Two were rejected because of no witnesses. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the recommendation of absentee ballots by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of Provisional Ballots

Of the 73 provisional ballots voted in the 2010 Primary Election, 45 were recommended for approval, 11 recommended for partial approval and 17 recommended for disapproval by election staff. Mr. Coffman explained several reasons for disapproval and partial approval to include incorrect ballot style, identification not provided, previously removed voters, etc. He stated that the e-poll books would hopefully eliminate many of the provisional ballots. Ms. Sutton requested a report for the history of provisional ballot results. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the recommendation of provisional ballots by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

### Certify Primary Election Results

Mr. Coffman summarized the Abstract of Votes document for the Primary Election which is sent to the Clerk of Superior Court, State Board of Elections and retained at the county board of elections. The report contains the original returns of the election with a breakdown of ballots cast for each named office and candidate in the precincts. The report certifies the winners of the election. An Oath was given and signed by the Board members; swearing the results to be true and correct.

### Election Day Issues

The Board reviewed several Election Day problems. Issues included precinct worker operation of the new e-poll book computer system. Mr. Coffman stated that there were 10 printers with incompatible drivers that were used to print authorization to vote forms. This problem was temporarily solved by using blank ATV forms and a hard copy of a printed poll book on label paper. The more inexpensive poll books on plain paper would be printed in the future. Voter information could be manually transferred. Another problem existed when two iVotronic machines were delivered to the wrong precinct, but exchanged later that morning.

Mr. Coffman stated that the closing of polls activity went smoothly. All equipment was properly returned.

### Other Business

The Board discussed plans for the 2010 Second Primary early voting hours and location. Mr. Coffman stated that the most probable dates to hold one stop voting would be June 3 – June 19. Weekday hours would be 8 AM – 5 PM; Saturday, June 19, hours would be 10 AM – 1 PM. The Board discussed whether additional weekend hours would be appropriate in this small election. Mr. Coffman ran a report showing that only 160 voters came on the two Sundays of the Primary Election. The Board decided that there should be no Sunday voting for the Second Primary Election. Ms. Sutton requested a motion regarding the Second Primary early voting. Mr. Dickerson moved to accept the minimally required plan

as discussed for the 2010 Second Primary early voting. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Coffman stated that ballots for the Second Primary must be approved by the Board. There will be two Republican offices, one for the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and one for County Commissioner At-Large; and one Democratic office for the US Senate to approve. The Board agreed that Mr. Coffman should email the ballots for review. After review, a teleconference meeting would be arranged for ballot approval.

Ms. Sutton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dickerson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 PM.

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Linda J. Sutton, Chair

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