

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Robert H. Coffman
Director of Elections

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING- AUGUST 21, 2007

Present: J. Eric Elliott, Chair
Linda J. Sutton, Secretary
Jerry D. Jordan, Member

Staff: Rob Coffman, Director of Elections
Lamar Joyner, Deputy Director of Elections
Jacob Wright, Elections Training Specialist
Pamela Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order in the Cooper-Cardwell Elections Room at 4:08 PM.

Approval of Minutes- July 17, 2007

Ms. Sutton moved to approve the minutes from July 17, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously.

Introduction of New BOE Staff

Mr. Coffman introduced Lamar Joyner, the new Deputy Director of Elections, to the Board Members.

Mr. Coffman stated he is holding interviews for the IT Equipment Technician position starting on August 22, 2007.

Public Comment Session

There were no speakers at the public comment session.

Pollworker Recruitment Review and Approval of Pollworker List

Mr. Wright presented the Board with a list of pollworkers to be approved. He stated the Democratic Party filled all the positions of Chief Judge and Democratic Judge for all 101 precincts. The Republican Party did not submit a list of names for Republican Judges so Mr. Wright called previous Republican pollworkers to try and fill the positions. There are still 17 Republican vacancies. Mr. Elliott stated the Republican Party Chair had been sick so he suggested giving the Republican Party until October to fill the vacancies. If the Republican Party does not fill those positions by October, the Board of Elections

may place workers in those positions at the discretion of the staff.

Ms. Sutton moved to approve the pollworker list with the 17 vacancies and allow the Republican Party until October to fill the positions. The motion passed unanimously.

November Ballot Review and Approval

Mr. Coffman stated the ballots were done in-house this time and he was able to do the ballots on 8 ½ x 11 paper. He presented the Board with proofs of the ballot. The Board was also provided an example of the iVotronic ballot. Mr. Jordan moved to approve them. The motion passed unanimously.

E-Pollbook Purchase and Testing Status Review

Mr. Coffman stated the State Board of Elections has rescinded its offer of \$3000 grant per precinct for electronic pollbooks. He stated there was no State certification process in place so the State Board of Elections decided to hold the HAVA funds until 2009 or 2010. Mr. Coffman stated that since the e-pollbook project is on hold, the Forsyth County Board of Elections would not be testing them in the upcoming General Municipal Election.

Kids Voting Program Status

Mr. Coffman stated he had not been contacted by the representative for KidsVote. He stated he will contact the representative and follow up with the Board at the next meeting.

SBOE Meeting and Fall County Meeting Schedule

The Board and Staff discussed the upcoming State Board of Elections meeting being held on August 30, 2007.

The Board and Staff discussed the upcoming schedule of Board meetings. The Board will meet October 16, 23 and 30, 2007 for approval of absentee ballots. The Board will meet on November 6, 2007, Election Day, then again on November 13, 2007, Canvass Day.

Other Business

Mr. Coffman discussed the upcoming General Municipal Election. He stated there are only 18 voters eligible to vote at the VFW 9010 precinct on Election Day. He recommended having the 18 voters go to a nearby precinct to vote just for this election. He stated it is more cost effective to close the VFW 9010. He suggested having the voters go to Clemmons Elementary to vote. The location is very close to the VFW 9010. Mr. Coffman stated he would notify the 18 voters by mail that they would be voting at Clemmons Elementary School only for this election. The Board discussed notifying the voters before the 2008 Primary that they should go back to the VFW 9010 to vote. The Board

decided the letters should be sent certified mail. Ms. Sutton moved to approve the closing of the VFW 9010 for the General Municipal Election and sending the voters to Clemmons Elementary School and to send certified letters to the 18 voter who will be affected by the change. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the training dates for pollworkers. Mr. Coffman stated he would email the information to the Board.

Mr. Coffman asked the Board to consider counting the absentees once they are approved at the absentee meetings. He stated it would be a good time to try this method to get ready for the large amounts expected in the 2008 elections.

Adjournment

Ms. Sutton moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM.

J. Eric Elliott, Chair

Linda J. Sutton, Secretary

Jerry D. Jordan, Member