

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Linda J. Sutton**  
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**Robert H. Coffman**  
Director of Elections

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Deputy Director

### FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING – November 12, 2010

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

Staff: Rob Coffman, Director of Elections  
Judy Speas, Senior Office Assistant

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#### Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM in the Second Floor Conference Room.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for November 9, 2010. Ms. Sutton requested any corrections or additions to the minutes. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Certification of Election Results

Mr. Coffman summarized the Abstract of Votes document for the General 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. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the Abstract of Votes document. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Other Business

The Staff recommended two overseas absentee ballots for approval from the Election Day total. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the recommendation of absentee ballots by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board held a discussion to plan the dates for the mandatory recount of votes which had been requested by Jeff Polston, Republican nominee for Clerk of Superior Court. Mr. Polston qualified to demand a recount of the votes because he had received a difference within one percent of the total votes cast between himself and Susan Frye, the prevailing candidate. The Board decided to hold the recount of votes on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. Mr. Coffman stated that he would notify both candidates and political parties. If the recount does not reverse the results, it may be requested to hold a second recount on a hand-to-eye basis in a sample of precincts.

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The Board also discussed the prospect of a formal election protest to be filed regarding possible violations of election law that occurred during Election Day voting. Mr. Dickerson stated that the Board would first be required to hold a preliminary consideration meeting to determine whether the protest complies with election law and whether it establishes probable cause to believe that a violation occurred. The Board would either dismiss the protest or schedule a hearing during the preliminary meeting.

Adjournment

Ms. Sutton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dickerson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM.

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Linda J. Sutton, Chair

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Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary

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Jerry D. Jordan, Member