

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Robert H. Coffman
Director of Elections

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING- OCTOBER 31, 2006

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

Staff: Rob Coffman, Director of Elections
Pamela Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Guest: Laura Gerardi-Dell, District Election Technician

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 PM.

Review of Election Day Preparations

Mr. Coffman stated the precinct supplies and pollbooks are completed and will be picked up on Friday, November 3, 2006.

Mr. Coffman stated the staff has completed the test of the tabulation system. He stated the internet will update the election results every 5 minutes. He stated the Board of Equalization room will be used for the media and candidates on election night.

Mr. Coffman stated there were 2 additional precinct trainings this week and that the revised precinct manuals were mailed out.

The Board and Staff discussed precinct 204, Lawrence Joel Veterans Coliseum. There will be a basketball event taking place on the evening of election day. There are some concerns about voters being charged to park during the event hours. Mr. Coffman stated he spoke with the administrator at the coliseum and was assured that voters will not be charged for parking. Mr. Coffman explained there would be curtains placed around the voting area to keep the event crowds away from the

area. Mr. Elliott stated a formal letter of complaint should go to the coliseum regarding the scheduling of such an event on election day. Mr. Coffman stated the coliseum staff has more appropriate areas for voting locations on the premises that can be used in the future.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for October 17 and October 24, 2006. Mr. Elliott recommended minor changes to the October 17 minutes. Ms. Sutton moved to approve the October 17 minutes with the recommended changes. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board recommended a few minor changes to the October 24 minutes. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the October 24 minutes with the minor changes. Ms. Sutton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Absentees

There were 2361 absentees recommended by staff for approval and 27 for disapproval. The Board reviewed the absentees recommended for disapproval. Ms. Sutton moved to approve CIV 233. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed 2-1.

CIV 774 is completed correctly, however there is no ballot enclosed. The Board and staff discussed whether to approve the ballot or not. The Board agreed that since the ballot envelope is completed correctly and the envelope can not be opened until election day, it should be approved.

Mr. Jordan moved to approve 2362 ballots and disapprove 26 ballots as recommended by the staff. Ms. Sutton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

With the approval of CIV 774 and CIV 233, the totals are 2363 approved and 25 disapproved.

Review of Board's Role on Election Day and Canvass Procedures with Laura Gerardi-Dell, DET

The Board and DET discussed the Board's role on election day as well as canvass procedures. The DET gave an outline to the Board Members and Mr. Coffman. She suggested making sure the precinct workers know to be at the polls no later than 6:00 AM on election day. She stated they should be able to be reached at 6:00 AM in case of problems. She recommended the Board make visits to the precincts throughout election day. The DET suggested the Board be available by phone to the parties. She reminded the Board that they need to have their absentee meeting at 2:00 PM on election day.

Other Business

Mr. Elliott stated the Board and Staff should do something to honor Mrs. Cardwell. He suggested doing something on December 12. There will be further discussion regarding this matter.

Mr. Elliott stated the Board should consider a monthly meeting throughout the year and suggested the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM.

Mr. Elliott stated that when the budget is being developed, there should be an increase in poll worker pay.

Adjournment

Ms. Sutton moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

s:/ J. Eric Elliott, Chair

s:/ Linda J. Sutton, Secretary

s:/ Jerry D. Jordan, Member