

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING AND CANVASS- NOVEMBER 15, 2005

Present: Mrs. Charles A. Cardwell, Jr., Chair
Mr. J. Eric Elliott, Secretary
Mr. John A. Redding, Member

Staff: Mrs. Kathie Chastain Cooper, Director of Elections
Mrs. Laura Gerardi-Dell, Deputy Director of Elections
Mrs. Pamela Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes- November 8, 2005

Mr. Redding moved to approve the minutes for November 8, 2005. Mr. Elliott stated there was a minor typographical error that needed correcting. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion with the minor correction and the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Provisional Ballots

The Board was given summary reports of the provisional ballots. There were 46 provisionals recommended for approval, 13 provisionals recommended for disapproval and 3 provisionals recommended for partial count. Mr. Redding moved to disapprove 13 provisionals. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Elliott moved to approve the 46 provisionals. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Elliott moved to approve the 3 partial-count provisionals. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The approved provisionals were opened and placed in the counter. The Town of Lewisville has a three vote difference between a winner and a loser. Mr. Fowler gained 3 votes to give him a total of 726 votes. Mr. Green gained 5 votes to give him total of 725. The results were signed by the Board.

Audit of November 8, 2005 Election

Mrs. Cooper gave the Board a printout of the Election audit (attached). She explained the printout and explained some of the precinct discrepancies.

Counting of Precinct 071

Mrs. Cooper recommended that the Board count precinct 071 in Lewisville because they don't balance. . The ATV and ballot count did not match. All of the other precincts in Lewisville balance. The Board and Staff conducted a count of the ballots from precinct 071. After the ballots were counted, the printout from the ballot counter matched the totals ballots cast on Election night, but the vote totals changed for candidates that were not involved in the possible recount. Mrs. Cooper stated this may have happened due to chads.

Canvass of November 8, 2005 General Municipal Election

The canvass for the Election began at 11:00 AM. The Election results were certified by the Board. Mrs. Cooper stated that Mr. Greene council candidate from Lewisville could call for a recount since he is within 1 percent of Mr. Fowler. If called for the recount will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Friday, November 18.

Other Business

The Board and Staff discussed the procedure should there be a recount in the Town of Lewisville. Mrs. Cooper stated if there is a recount of the Town of Lewisville it could possibly result in a tie since 2 candidates are within 1 vote of each other. The Board discussed how to handle a tie should it happen. Mrs. Cooper stated she would consult with the State Board of Elections since this is not a partisan race and the law book is not clear on procedure.

Adjournment

Mr. Elliott moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15

s:/ Mrs. Charles A. Cardwell, Jr., Chair

s:/ Mr. J. Eric Elliott, Secretary

s:/ Mr. John A. Redding, Member