

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING – October 12, 2010

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

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

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM in the Second Floor Conference Room.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for September 14, 2010. Ms. Sutton requested any corrections or additions to the minutes. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Polling Place Relocation

Mr. Coffman explained that a renovation of classroom space at the voting location for Precinct 604 – WSFC Schools Administration necessitates a move for the 2010 General Election. The Administration has been transferred to the Forsyth Tech building. Voting would be able to occur in the dining room facility of the WSFC Schools Career Center. The voters would be mailed a letter of explanation for the relocation. Ms. Sutton requested a motion for the relocation of Precinct 604. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the relocation of Precinct 604 to the Career Center dining room for the 2010 General Election. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sutton asked Mr. Joyner if the handicap ramp at Precinct 403 – Leap Academy at Kennedy had been completed. He confirmed that the ramp was completed for the General Election.

Approval of Absentee Ballots

The Staff recommended 355 absentee ballots for approval and 4 for disapproval. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the recommendation of absentee ballots by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Coffman and the Board discussed a letter from Vivian Burke, Winston-Salem Council Member. Ms. Burke requested that a voter be allowed to vote at a nearby precinct where she is not assigned. The Board agreed that Mr. Coffman should answer, explaining the importance of the precinct lines and to explain the option of absentee voting.

Mr. Jordan questioned the upcoming procedure for the Instant Runoff Voting count. Mr. Coffman explained that the State Board procedure was to first tabulate and publicize the top two winning candidates from column one on Election night. The tabulation of columns two and three would be a manual process after the Canvass with multiple four member bipartisan teams. First, the ballots with a vote for the top two candidates in column one would be manually pulled and put aside in the procedure. Second, columns two and three of the remaining ballots would be processed for any votes for the top two candidates. The winning candidate would have an aggregate of the total votes in all three columns.

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 1:35 PM.

Linda J. Sutton, Chair

Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary

Jerry D. Jordan, Member