

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING- OCTOBER 11, 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 4:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes- October 4, 2005 and October 6, 2005

Regarding the minutes for October 4, 2005, Mr. Elliott stated that the motions made for provisional ballots should be summarized. Mr. Redding stated the minutes reflected the way the motions were made at the meeting and should be recorded that way. The Board discussed making one motion to cover all the provisional ballots in the future. Mr. Elliott stated he would like the price of the "I Voted" stickers included in the minutes for October 4th. Mr. Elliott moved to approve the minutes for October 4th with the addition of the price of the stickers. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Redding moved to approve the minutes for October 6, 2005. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Absentees

There were no absentees for approval.

Public Comment Session

There was no one present for public comment.

Approval of Sample Ballot

Mr. Elliott moved to approve the sample ballot for the November 8, 2005 General Election. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Felon Appeals

The Board was given a copy of the statute regarding the procedure for removing felons from active status. Mrs. Cooper gave each member a copy of the felon letter that is generated from the SEIMS system. She also explained the monthly report generated from the DOC that the Board of Elections office receives. If a voter is on this list, that individual is removed and a letter is sent. The voter has 30 days in which to respond. There are 2 voters who have requested a hearing regarding their registration status, which is removed as felon. One individual states his identity has been stolen by another person, who is currently a felon. The Clerk of Court is trying to get a photo of the convicted felon to compare to the voter who claims his identity has been stolen so the Board Members can verify identity. The Board and staff discussed whether or not it is the staff's responsibility to research the voters' claims or if the burden of proof is on the voter. The Board agreed it is the voters' responsibility to provide evidence that he or she is not a felon. Mrs. Cooper stated that the Chair has to challenge the voters' registrations and hold a hearing. She stated a letter needs to be sent to each voter informing them of the challenge and the date of the hearing. The Board agreed the letter should state it is the voter's responsibility to provide evidence that he or she is not a convicted felon and that the Board of Elections does not research any felon records.

The Chair completed challenges for Mr. Robert D. Miller, Jr., of precinct 306 and Mr. John Sebring, Jr., of precinct 707. Mr. Redding moved to accept the challenges of Mr. Robert D. Miller, Jr. and Mr. John Sebring Jr. and set the date of the hearing for October 18, 2005 at 4:00 PM. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Mr. Elliott moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 4:51.

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

s:/ Mr. J. Eric Elliott, Secretary

s:/ Mr. John A. Redding, Member