

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Linda J. Sutton**  
CHAIR

**Frank M. Dickerson**  
SECRETARY

**Jerry D. Jordan**  
MEMBER



**Robert H. Coffman**  
Director of Elections

**Lamar Joyner**  
Deputy Director

## FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING – December 17, 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  
Kevin J. McGuckin, Assistant County Attorney

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### Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the Forsyth County Government Center.

### Certification of Court of Appeals Recount

Mr. Coffman explained to the Board that a second recount had been conducted for the statewide Instant Runoff Voting Court of Appeals Judge office. He summarized the Abstract of Votes for State Offices document which is sent to the Clerk of Superior Court, State Board of Elections and retained at the county board of elections. The report revealed that both candidates lost votes in the second recount. Doug McCullough had 16,649 votes and Cressie Thigpen had 18,808 votes in the second recount. Ms. Sutton requested that the Board make a motion on the results. Mr. Dickerson moved that the Abstract of Votes document be approved. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The report was signed by all Board members and notarized.

### Protest Hearing

Ms. Sutton stated that the Board was meeting to hold a hearing of the election protest of Jeffrey Polston, candidate for Clerk of Superior Court. Ms. Sutton requested that Mr. McGuckin provide guidance in the procedure. A complete transcript of the proceeding was taken by a court reporter from the Atlantic Professional Reporters Company. After all evidence was presented, Mr. Polston and each Board member made a statement regarding the protest. Mr. Jordan made a motion that since significant evidence had not been presented to show that violations had occurred to change the outcome of the Clerk of Superior Court election according to N.C.G.S. 163-182.10(d)(2)(c), the protest should be dismissed. Also, Mr. Jordan moved that election staff should immediately issue a Certificate of Election to Susan Frye. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Sutton thanked everyone for their participation.

Mr. McGuckin remarked that he would complete an Order regarding the protest by Monday, December 20, 2010.

Adjournment

Ms. Sutton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dickerson moved to adjourn. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

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Linda J. Sutton, Chair

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