

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Mrs. Charles A. Cardwell, Jr.**  
CHAIR

**J. Eric Elliott**  
SECRETARY

**John A. Redding**  
MEMBER



**Kathie Chastain Cooper**  
DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS

## FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING- OCTOBER 25, 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

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### Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

### Approval of Minutes- October 18, 2005

Mr. Redding moved to approve the minutes for October 18, 2005. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Approval of Absentees

There were 67 absentees recommended for approval and 11 recommended for disapproval. Seven of the disapproved were military absentees that were returned as undeliverable, with no forwarding addresses. These were sent as part of a state law that requires military personnel that apply for an absentee ballot to be sent ballots for two federal elections after their first application which in this case was 2004. These people have probably been transferred to another base or are out of the service now. Mr. Elliott asked if the staff could attempt to contact these voters via their Forsyth County addresses and try to get the correct address. Mr. Elliott moved to pursue these 7 military absentees at their Forsyth County addresses. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Redding stated he would like to see the undeliverable absentees in the future.

Mr. Elliott moved to approve the 67 absentees and disapprove the 11 as recommended by staff. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Hearing- Felony Appeal

Mr. Miller was not present for their hearing regarding his removal from the active voter registration due to felony convictions. Mr. Miller was sent a certified letter letting him know of the hearing. Due to Mr. Miller not being present, Mr. Redding moved to uphold their removal for felony conviction. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Other Business

Mrs. Cooper stated that ES&S and Diebold were present at the pollworker training class on October 24, 2005. There were problems with the ES&S optical scan machine as the representative did not have the correct ballots. Mrs. Cardwell and Mr. Elliott were present for the training.

Mr. Elliott discussed a letter he and the other Board Members received from Skip Stanley, Sales Representative for Advanced Voting Equipment. Another letter was also sent to Senator Ham Horton and Senator Linda Garrou. The letter states that the State Board of Elections RFP excludes them from bidding. He also implies that the Forsyth County Board has indicated they were going to purchase Advanced Voting Equipment which is not the case. Mrs. Cooper stated it is a violation of the RFP for a vendor to contact anyone other than the person named in the state RFP. The Board and staff should not have been contacted at all about the RFP. All 3 Board Members affirmed they have not indicated to Mr. Stanley that Forsyth County would purchase Advanced Voting Equipment. Mr. Elliott stated he wanted a copy of these minutes sent to Senators Horton and Garrou.

Mr. Redding stated if the RFP is going to be a State process, the State should decide which equipment each county purchases. He is concerned that there might be only one vendor.

The Board discussed the Board photos and which photographer they would choose to do them. Mrs. Dell stated a neighbor would take them at the office for \$100. Mr. Redding stated his friend could do the photos if the Board Members go to the studio.

Mrs. Cooper discussed the Code of Ethics sent out by the State Board of Elections. She stated the Board needed to review the document. She also asked the Board Members if they will be attending the State Board of Elections Conference on December 5 & 6 since the certified voting equipment is expected to be on display at that meeting. The Board stated they would let her know.

Mr. Redding stated he is disappointed that the Board has not been in the loop on the State Board of Elections RFP.

Adjournment

Mr. Redding moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

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

s:/ Mr. J. Eric Elliott, Secretary

s:/ Mr. John A. Redding, Member