

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Robert H. Coffman
Director of Elections

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING- OCTOBER 30, 2007

Present: J. Eric Elliott, Chair
Jerry D. Jordan, Member

Absent: Linda J. Sutton, Secretary

Staff: Rob Coffman, Director of Elections
Lamar Joyner, Deputy Director of Elections
Pamela Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order in the Board of Elections Conference Room.

Approval of Minutes- October 23, 2007

Mr. Elliott suggested a minor correction to the minutes for October 23, 2007. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the minutes with the minor correction. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Absentees

There were 64 absentees recommended for approval by staff and 1 absentee recommended for disapproval. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the 64 absentees and disapprove the 1 absentee. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment Session

There were no public comments.

One-Stop Voting Progress

Mr. Coffman stated that one-stop voting is going well. The Board and Staff discussed registering to vote and voting the same day at the one-stop location.

Republican Judges Update

Mr. Jordan stated he spoke with President of the Forsyth County Republican Party Headquarters regarding the need for Republican judges. He stated he expressed the need for 17 Republican judges to complete the 2007-2009 precinct officials' appointments. Mr. Elliott stated he would like to have the list finalized by the Election Canvass day.

Pollworker Background Check Results for Record

Mr. Elliott asked if the precinct workers for the Municipal General Election have been checked on the N.C. Sex Offender Registry. Mr. Coffman stated the staff checked all pollworkers appointed for the 2007-2009 term and there were none found on the registry.

Voter Registration Web Search Changes Inquiry

The Board asked about the changes in the web search tool on the Forsyth County Board of Election website. Mr. Elliott stated the search feature was different and did not offer the same detailed information as before. Mr. Coffman explained the previous web search tool on the Board of Elections website was a customized search tool that used the Forsyth County Board of Elections database. He stated since most counties are using the State Board of Elections statewide database, he decided to use that database as well. The Forsyth County search tool was not compatible with the State Board of Elections database, therefore we have to use the State Board of Elections web search tool. Mr. Elliott recommended that there be information on the Forsyth County Board of Elections website on how to use the State Board of Elections search tool effectively.

Other Business

Mr. Elliott stated that in the past the Board would place a letter on the first page of the precinct manual. He stated since the manual was printed before a letter could be written and included, he would like a letter from the Board to be given to the precinct officials when they pick up their supplies.

Mr. Jordan moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. The motion passed unanimously and the closed session began at 4:34 PM.

The Board reconvened at 4:57 PM.

The Board and Staff discussed the election day schedule. The Board agreed to arrive at 7:00 AM.

The Board discussed the 18 voters who have been temporarily moved from Oak Summit United Methodist Church to Abraham Elementary School. Mr. Coffman stated the 18 voters were sent a certified letter regarding the change of precinct for the Municipal General Election. He stated the office has been receiving the return receipts for the letters which indicates the voters are receiving the letters.

Mr. Coffman informed the Board that a candidate in Rural Hall, Durward Smith, has passed away. He stated it was too late to reprint the ballots. He also stated it is possible he may get votes. If he is one of the top 2 voted on it could be that the seat could be deemed a vacancy and the Town of Rural Hall would decide how the seat is filled.

Adjournment

Mr. Jordan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

J. Eric Elliott, Chair

Linda J. Sutton, Secretary

Jerry D. Jordan, Member