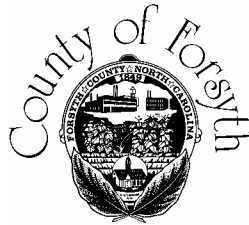


## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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### **FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING- OCTOBER 12, 2004**

Present: Mrs. Charles A. Cardwell, Jr., Chair  
Mr. Eric Elliott, Secretary  
Mr. John A. Redding, Member

Staff: Mrs. Kathie Chastain Cooper, Director of Elections  
Mrs. Laura Gerardi-Dell, Deputy Director of Elections  
Ms. Pamela Craver

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#### Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

#### Approval of Minutes- August 24, 2004

Mr. Redding moved to approve the minutes for August 24, 2004. Mr. Elliott asked to amend the minutes by adding a list of individuals who emailed him prior to the August 24, 2004 meeting regarding their opposition to DRE equipment. The Board agreed to add the list as an attachment to the minutes for August 24, 2004. With that amendment, Mr. Elliott seconded the motion to approve the minutes and it passed unanimously.

#### Approval of Absentees

The Board reviewed the absentees that were recommended for approval and disapproval. There were 821 absentees recommended for approval and 59 recommended for disapproval. After reviewing the absentees recommended for disapproval, Mr. Redding moved to approve CIV 1691 and CIV 2153. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Elliott moved to approve 823 absentees and disapprove 57 absentees. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott suggested sending notification to the voters whose ballots were disapproved explaining the reason for the disapproval. Mr. Elliott stated it would help voters avoid the same mistakes in the future. Mrs. Cooper stated that it would be time consuming for the staff to prepare this mailing. Also, that if it was started now it would need to be continued up to election day. Mr. Elliott stated he would develop a postcard and help to mail them to the voters. Mr. Elliott moved to send postcards to voters whose absentee ballots were not approved. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Approval of Extra Assistants

The Deputy Director asked the Board to approve 1 additional assistant for precincts as requested. Mr. Redding moved to approve the additional assistants. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Other Business

Mr. Elliott asked Mrs. Cooper for clarification of residency laws regarding voting and running for office. Mrs. Cooper stated the procedure for challenging the residency of a voter which would have to be done first. If the challenge was successful, then the candidate would be ineligible to hold the district office.

Mrs. Cooper explained to the Board about the backlog of voter applications. She explained the staff is 2 weeks behind and working very hard on getting caught up. The backlog is due to the 2 primaries being so close to the General Election as well as an increase in voter registration.

Mr. Elliott thanked the Board of Elections staff and the MIS staff for improving the website.

Mr. Redding suggested asking the party chairs to help find volunteers to assist the office with the work load. The Board members agreed.

#### Public Test of DRE Equipment

Mrs. Cooper explained the procedures for the public testing of the DRE equipment being used at the one-stop locations.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC TEST**

1. **Any person** desiring to participate in the test is allowed to do so one time.
2. **Each person** participating will be given **an absentee ballot sheet** to mark to indicate their choices.

3. When the ballot sheet is marked, **each person** will go to the voting booth. They will be assigned a precinct for their ballot type. They will vote for the candidates that they have marked on the sheet. While voting, the votes that they cast will be observed by two Board members (1 Dem, 1 Rep).
4. As the person votes, the votes will be called out and recorded on a tally sheet by BOE staff.
5. After all people that desire to participate in the test do so, a result tape will be printed from the voting machine. The staff will total the votes on the tally sheet.
6. A comparison of the votes on the tally sheet will be compared to the result tape from the voting machine.

The Board Members, staff and public tested the equipment. Four people voted on the machine. Their choices were recorded manually as well as electronically in order to compare totals. The votes tallied were audited and found to be accurate.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Redding moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

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

s:/ Mr. Eric Elliott, Secretary

s:/ Mr. John A. Redding, Member.