

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Linda J. Sutton**  
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**Frank M. Dickerson**  
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**Jerry D. Jordan**  
MEMBER



**Robert H. Coffman**  
Director of Elections

**Lamar Joyner**  
Deputy Director

## FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING – December 7, 2010

Present: Linda J. Sutton, Chair  
Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary  
Jerry D. Jordan, Member

Staff: Rob Coffman, Director of Elections  
Lamar Joyner, Deputy Director  
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 11:04 AM in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room.

### Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for November 29, 2010. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### Certification of Instant Runoff Election Results

Mr. Coffman summarized the Abstract of Votes for State Offices Instant Runoff Voting Second Round document which is sent to the Clerk of Superior Court, State Board of Elections and retained at the county board of elections. The report contains the returns of the first and second round of the election of the Court of Appeals office and is detailed by each precinct. It was explained that Doug McCullough acquired 10,098 votes and Cressie Thigpen acquired 4,516 votes in the second round process of determining the winner. Mr. Coffman asked the Board to certify that Doug McCullough had a total number of 16,657 votes and Cressie Thigpen had a total number of 18,841 votes. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the Abstract of Votes document. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The report was signed by all Board members and notarized.

### Other Business

Mr. McGuckin opened the discussion by asking the Board whether they had considered an official date to hold the postponed hearing for the election protest document by Jeff Polston, candidate for Clerk of Superior Court. Currently, the hearing would include the two items of his protest stating that election officials didn't follow proper registration guidelines and neglected protocol on Election Day; and, that election officials allowed illegal ballots to be entered into the voting system. A possible appeal process to the State Board of Elections could extend into the next calendar year. The Board discussed

the requirements of a subpoena notice for the necessary list of poll workers and other witnesses present at certain precincts during the 2010 General Election. Mr. McGuckin stated that the testimony must be sworn at the hearing. Mr. Coffman acknowledged that staff would notify the witnesses prior to a subpoena being presented for the hearing. After discussing their various schedules, the Board found that Friday, December 17, 2010 at 11:00 AM would be the best occasion for the hearing. Mr. Dickerson moved that the hearing date for Jeff Polston be rescheduled for December 17, 2010 at 11:00 AM. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Ms. Sutton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dickerson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM.

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Linda J. Sutton, Chair

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