

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

Present: Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary
Jerry D. Jordan, Member

Staff: Rob Coffman, Director of Elections
Lamar Joyner, Deputy Director of Elections
Judy Speas, Office Assistant

Guest: Joyce McCloy, Director, NC Coalition for Verified Voting

Call to Order

Mr. Dickerson called the meeting to order at 11:22 AM in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for September 8, 2009 and September 15, 2009. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Hand Eye Audit

Mr. Coffman reviewed information concerning the hand eye audit. The three precincts that were randomly chosen by the State Board of Elections after the Winston-Salem Primary were 503 – Trinity Moravian Methodist (47 votes), 505 – Easton Elementary School (70 votes) and 904 – Mission Hispana (40 votes). The ballots were removed from the locked ballot boxes; three tables with three staff members each were assembled to complete the hand eye audit. Mr. Dickerson stated that no discrepancies were found as the number of ballots in the ballot boxes matched the tally given after the primary.

Provisional Ballots

Of the 17 provisional ballots voted in the 2009 Winston-Salem Primary, 11 were recommended for disapproval and 6 were recommended for approval by election staff. Mr. Coffman explained the reasons for disapproval and approval to the Board. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the six provisional ballots from the primary. The motion passed unanimously.

Certification of Election

Mr. Coffman summarized the Abstract of Votes document for the Primary Election which is sent to the Clerk of Court, State Board of Elections and retained in the county board of elections' files. The report contains the precinct breakdown of votes for candidates in the ward contests and certifies the winners of the first primary. The document was signed by the Board members present.

Mr. Coffman stated that a letter of explanation was sent to Ms. Johnson concerning the WSSU student registration issue. Also, the two voter's registration had been rejected for the reason of proof of residency; their ballots were rejected and correspondence had been sent to confirm their residency.

Mr. Coffman discussed the possibility of write-in votes in the East Ward in the Municipal General Election. More precinct officials may be used on Election Day to count the votes if necessary.

Approval of 2nd Primary Ballot

The Board and staff discussed approval of the Winston-Salem 2nd Primary Ballot for October 6th. Mr. Coffman explained the alphabetical order of candidate last names required by directive of the State Board. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the Second Primary Ballot. The motion passed unanimously.

One Stop Voting 2nd Primary

The Board discussed the dates for Early One Stop Voting for the Second Primary. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the beginning date to be Monday, September 28, 2009 and the ending date to be Saturday, October 3, 2009. Hours of operation for Monday through Friday would be 8 am to 5 pm; Saturday would be 10 am to 1 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Ms. McCloy distributed the document, The Performance of Optical Scanners and DREs in North Carolina's 2008 General Election. She thanked the Board for their service to the county board of elections.

Adjournment

The next meeting would be an Absentee meeting for the 2nd Primary on September 29, 2009 at 4:00 pm. Mr. Dickerson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary

Jerry D. Jordan, Member