

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Robert H. Coffman
Director of Elections

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING – April 13, 2010

Present: Linda J. Sutton, Chair
Jerry D. Jordan, Member

Staff: Rob Coffman, Director of Elections
Judy Speas, Senior Office Assistant
Rebecca VanderKlok, Office Assistant

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:14 PM in the Board of Elections Conference Room.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for March 4, 2010. Ms. Sutton entertained a motion for approval of the minutes. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Absentee Ballots

The Staff recommended 31 absentee ballots for approval and two for disapproval. Ms. VanderKlok stated that the ballots were disapproved for the reason of no witnesses. The voters were contacted to explain to them that their ballots were rejected and mailed a second absentee ballot. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the recommendation of absentee ballots by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Ms. Sutton asked whether Jocelyn Johnson's concerns from the last meeting had been handled. Mr. Coffman stated that the office had been able to place a list of 2010 General Election candidates, with updates of state-wide candidates by the State Board of Elections, on the website after the meeting that day. Also, citizens may notice and appreciate a more intuitive Forsyth County website, which was recently restructured.

Mr. Coffman explained that the State Board of Elections resolved the Primary Ballot challenge. The request of using the nickname 'Doc' on the Primary Ballot by a state-wide candidate was denied. The ruling was not challenged by the candidate and the ballot was approved.

Mr. Coffman stated that poll worker training was in process this week and invited the Board to view the training after the meeting. The poll workers will be provided with additional in-depth training in the operation of e-poll books during the following week. Mr. Coffman explained that preparations for the Primary Election were going smoothly, especially with the recent addition of the Department IT Support Technician position.

Ms. Sutton discussed a voter complaint regarding an incident last year at Precinct 301, Ashley Elementary School. Mr. Coffman stated that he would speak to the Chief Judge regarding the matter. The Board decided that they would also visit Precinct 301 during Election Day.

Adjournment

Ms. Sutton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jordan moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 PM. The next Board of Elections meeting will be an Absentee meeting on April 20, 2010 at 1:00 PM in the Board of Elections Conference Room.

Linda J. Sutton, Chair

Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary

Jerry D. Jordan, Member