

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JULY 24, 2012 SECOND PRIMARY ELECTION CANVASS DAY

Call to Order

The Second Primary Election Canvass Day meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was held in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room on July 24, 2012. The meeting convened at 11:09 AM, Chairman Linda Sutton presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Linda Sutton, Secretary Michael Flatow,
Member Jonathan Dills

Staff Members in attendance: Director Robert Coffman, Deputy Director Lamar Joyner, Chris Duffey, Judy Speas, Joshua Chunn

Hand Eye Audit

Chairman Sutton recommended that the staff conduct the mandatory hand/eye audit with the Board members in attendance in the adjoining storage room. The purpose of the audit is to compare the number of actual paper or electronic ballots against the reported Election Day vote total. Precinct 606 – Philo Middle School (16 votes) and the One Stop – Government Center (115 votes) were randomly chosen by the State Board of Elections for the hand/eye audit after the Second Primary Election. The ballot item chosen to be audited was the NC Republican Party Lieutenant Governor office between Dan Forest and Tony Gurley. The ballots and electronic paper rolls were removed from the sealed containers. Two teams were assembled to complete the hand/eye audit. The Reconciliation Sheet for Manual Audit was completed after all votes were recorded. Both Precinct 606 and the One Stop – Government Center vote totals matched exactly with the Election Day report. Member Dills moved and Secretary Flatow seconded the motion to approve the mandatory hand/eye audit results.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Sutton requested that the Board review the minutes of July 17, 2012. Secretary Flatow moved and Chairman Sutton seconded the motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2012. Motion carried.

Approval/Counting of Absentee Ballots

Mr. Chunn recommended 13 supplemental absentee ballots for approval and zero for disapproval. Absentee mailed ballots are approved if postmarked by the day of the election and received by three days after the election. Chairman Sutton moved and Secretary Flatow seconded to approve the recommendation of absentee ballots by staff. Motion carried. Mr. Coffman proceeded to process the supplemental absentee ballots on the M650 ballot tabulator with the Board members

present. The Absentee Ballot Certificates of Oath and Abstract Results form were signed by the Board members and notarized.

Certification of 2nd Primary Results

The Board examined the 2012 Second Primary Election Abstract of Votes document after all additional ballots were processed. Secretary Flatow moved and Member Dills seconded the motion to certify the 2012 Second Primary Election results to be official. Motion carried. The Abstract of Votes documents were signed by the Board members and notarized. The documents would be mailed to the NC State Board of Elections, the Clerk of Superior Court and retained at the county board of elections for the official results of the Election.

Other Business

Mr. Coffman presented the Board members with a draft of the 2012 General Election One Stop Schedule and a Google map of the area. The suggested locations and hours of operation were reviewed since a final schedule must be submitted to the State Board of Elections by August 10th. Two location changes from the 2008 One Stop Schedule were explained. The Mazie S. Woodruff Center would replace the Carver School Road Library; and, the Old Town Recreation Center would replace the Brown & Douglas Recreation Center. This plan does not include the Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center and the Club Haven Shopping Center sites. Mr. Coffman explained that the small location decrease would be helpful because of the equipment insufficiency for the previous number of locations. More hours would be provided at the available One Stop locations to increase voting time. Chairman Sutton stressed that voter access would be an important point to consider in the approved One Stop Schedule. Board members requested that Mr. Coffman provide more statistical information of voter participation for the final decision.

Adjournment

Chairman Sutton moved and Secretary Flatow seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM. The next meeting will be held in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room on July 31, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Approved:

Linda J. Sutton, Chair

Date

Michael Flatow, Secretary

Date

Jonathan S. Dills, Member

Date

Attachments on File: General Election 2012 One Stop Schedule and Google Map Drafts