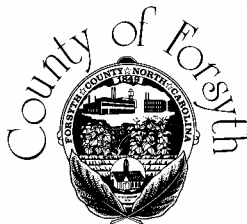


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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING- JULY 13, 2004

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

Staff: Mrs. Laura Gerardi-Dell, Deputy Director of Elections
Ms. Pamela Craver, Administrative Assistant

Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes- July 6, 2004

Mr. Elliott moved to approve the minutes with some minor corrections of typographical mistakes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Redding and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Absentees

The board reviewed the absentees as presented by the staff. All absentees and staff recommendations appeared to be in order. There were 7 for disapproval and 522 for approval.

Mr. Redding moved to disapprove the 7 as recommended by staff. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott moved to approve 522 absentees as recommended by staff. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Session

Jacqueline Barber addressed the Board regarding the paper trail for electronic voting equipment. Mr. Elliott explained the Board of Elections is testing DRE equipment during the One-Stop voting to meet the testing requirements of the RFP and that the equipment does not have a paper trail because that feature is not yet available for DRE machines.

Appointment of Precinct Officials

Mrs. Dell gave the Board Members a list of poll workers for the July 20, 2004 Primary Election. Mrs. Dell explained she needs additional workers and that she is having difficulty filling chief judge positions. She stated she will need 10 – 15 workers.

Mr. Elliott moved to approve the appointment of precinct workers as listed. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Elliott requested a name tag. Mrs. Dell stated the staff makes name tags for the Board to wear on Election Day.

Mr. Redding stated a precinct worker called him regarding the training that took place the week before the election. She suggested that workers who have worked 3 consecutive trainings have a separate training for updates without having to go through the entire training and require the new workers to attend the more extensive training. Mr. Elliott suggested having a meeting for all workers then having a breakout session for the trained workers to address updates. Mr. Redding suggested having registration requirements for the meetings to keep them from being overcrowded. The Board and Staff discussed different solutions to the overcrowding at training sessions.

Mrs. Cardwell stated she is concerned about provisional ballots. She stated the chief judge needs to make sure the provisionals are checked for signatures and they need to make sure the voter seals the envelope. Mrs. Cardwell suggested putting a reminder in the precinct bins for the precinct workers to check the provisionals for accuracy and to remind the provisional voters to bring their ballot back to the precinct official sealed inside the provisional envelope instead of putting the ballot in the counter.

Adjourn

Mr. Redding moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Elliott seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:40.

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

s/ Mr. Eric Elliott, Secretary

s/ Mr. John A. Redding, Member