BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 18, 2015

Meeting Called to Order

A special meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the second floor meeting room on February 18, 2015. The meeting convened at 4:00 PM, Chairman Ken Raymond presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Ken Raymond, Secretary Stuart Russell, by teleconference: Member Fleming El-Amin (non-voting)

Staff Members in attendance: Director-Steve Hines, Lamar Joyner, Chris Duffey,
Other County Staff: Assistant County Attorney-Lonnie Albright

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

Public Comment Session

Chairman Raymond welcomed the public and invited speakers to participate in the public comment session. No one volunteered to speak at that time. Chairman Raymond moved and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to close the public comment session. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Proposed Procedural Changes Feedback

Director Hines presented to the board the feedback from the public. Board members discussed the feedback and were thankful for the participation. After the discussion, Secretary Russell made a motion and Chairman Raymond seconded the motion to adopt the procedural changes resolutions. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary Russell made a motion and Chairman Raymond seconded the motion to reconcile poll worker issues between election day and canvass (same time as meeting for supplemental absentees). **Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary Russell made a motion and Chairman Raymond seconded the motion to contact political parties to obtain election assistants to work curbside voting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Voter History Update

Discussion was postponed until the next meeting to have Member El-Amin present.

2015 Municipal Elections

Director Hines stated that letters were sent out to the municipalities for changes in filing fees, interest in early voting, and notice of possible polling place consolidation. None of the municipalities wanted to have a self-funded early voting site. The Board also received statistics on consolidation from the 2011 Municipal Election. Secretary Russell moved and Chairman Raymond seconded a motion that the BOE office reach out to the municipalities to notify them of any polling place consolidations. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Lawsuit Subpoena

Director Hines updated the Board on the subpoena that was received in January that requested information, documents and etc. from previous elections.

Community Outreach

Director Hines informed the Board that his meeting with the mayors went well. The office will also partner with the WS/FCS and the Boston (Thurman) Neighborhood to facilitate a special election for them. Discussion surrounding an Open House for Director Hines and the BOE office led to the event being held at 4:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2015.

Other Business

Chairman Raymond inquired about the status of the Senior Office Assistant position. Mr. Hines stated that process is ongoing and hopefully will completed soon.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Raymond requested that the Board members review the minutes of November 11, 14, 20, December 1, 2014 and January 15, 2015. Secretary Russell moved and Chairman Raymond seconded a motion to approve the Board minutes of November 11, 14, 20, December 1, 2014 and January 15, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Closed Session

Chairman Raymond moved and Secretary Russell seconded a motion for closed session by stating: I move that the Board go into closed session pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5): To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. **Motion carried unanimously**. Board members went into closed session at 4:46 PM

Adjournment

Closed Session ended and the meeting was adjourned simultaneously at 4:56 PM.

Approved:		
Ken Raymond, Chair	Date	
Stuart Russell, Secretary	Date	_
Fleming El-Amin, Member	 	_