BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Mrs. Charles A. Cardwell, Jr. CHAIR

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John A. Redding MEMBER



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING- APRIL 11, 2006

Present: Mrs. Charles A. Cardwell, Jr., Chair

Mr. J. Eric Elliott, Secretary Mr. John A. Redding, Member

Staff: Mr. Terry J. Cox, Interim Director of Elections

Mrs. Pamela Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Bonnie Myers, Training Specialist

Call To Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Approval of Absentees

There were 28 total absentees. There were 10 absentees recommended for approval and 18 recommended for disapproval. Mr. Elliott moved to approve the 10 absentees and disapprove the 18 absentees. Mr. Redding stated he thought 2 of the absentees should be approved since the address on both was the American Consulate in Germany. Mr. Redding moved to approve the 2 absentees. Mrs. Cardwell seconded the motion to approve the 10 absentees and disapprove the 18 absentees as recommended by the staff and the motion passed 2-1.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Other Business

The Board and Staff discussed the beginning of one stop voting at the Forsyth County Government Center and a plan should the testing of the DRE equipment no be completed in time. The Board suggested using the optical scan equipment while the DRE equipment is being tested. Mr. Elliott suggested testing one DRE completely to have ready for one

stop on Thursday, April 13, 2006. Mr. Cox stated he will do what it takes to get a DRE machine ready for the one stop.

Mr. Cox stated he is expecting voting booths and storage racks.

The Board and Staff discussed a plan for the one stop voting in case the DRE equipment is not ready. Mr. Elliott suggested using paper ballots if there were enough. Mr. Cox stated there were plenty of ballots. Mr. Elliott stated he would like the Board of Elections to use paper ballots for the one stop location. The Board and Staff agreed to use paper ballots for the one stop location. The Board would like to have one DRE unit available for handicapped use. The Board agreed that voters can place their voted ballots in the ballot box. Each evening when the one stop location closes, the ballots will be placed in a secure receptacle with a ballot box seal securing the ballots. The ballots would then be placed inside a locked ballot box. He produced a statement for the public regarding the use of paper ballots for one stop.

Mrs. Johnson asked the Board for approval for extra assistants at precincts 083, Ibraham Elementary and 808, Country Club Fire Station. The Chief Judges of these precincts feel they will need extra assistants due to the new voting equipment and the high number of elderly voters. The Board agreed to allow the extra assistants for these two precincts.

Adjournment

Mr. Redding moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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

s:/ Mr. J. Eric Elliott, Secretary

s:/ Mr. John A. Redding, Member