BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Mrs. Charles A. Cardwell, Jr. CHAIRPERSON

Eric Elliott SECRETARY

John Redding MEMBER



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING- JUNE 29, 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

Mrs. Judy Speas, Absentees and Campaign Reporting

Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes- May 17, 2004

Mr. Redding moved to approve the minutes for May 17, 2004. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Session

Mr. _____ Hairston attended the meeting. He stated he was interested in learning the process of the Board of Elections Board Meetings and the process of the Elections in general so that he can help his community in regards to registering to vote and voting. Later in the meeting, Louise Young Smith, aka Ciat Shabazz, joined the meeting. She stated she wanted to observe. Mr. Redding stated she must present her registered name when attending a public session for the Board of Elections if she wanted to speak.

Approval of Absentees

There were a total of 90 absentees. 81 were recommended for approval and 8 were recommended for disapproval. One absentee was in question and required the Board to review. The absentee was torn at the post office. After reviewing the ballot (CIV 109), the Board found it to be in order and approved the ballot. Mr. Elliott moved to approve 82 ballots and disapprove 8 ballots. The motion was seconded by Mr. Redding and it passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the list of absentee requests that is available online. Mrs. Cardwell stated she would like the Parties notified that this information is available.

Other Business

The Board and Staff discussed the upcoming Precinct Training. Mr. Elliott stated he would like to have the information being covered at the training sessions prior to the training dates.

Mr. Elliott discussed the ESA's and wanted to be certain we will have enough. Mrs. Gerardi-Dell stated we will have 10 for the Primary and will increase that amount for the General Election.

Mr. Elliott questioned the anticipated number of voting machines that will need to be leased for the General Election. Mrs. Gerardi-Dell stated the current equipment is going to be tested soon and the totals can be assessed at that time.

Adjourn

Mr. Redding moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Elliott seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.

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

s/ Mr. Eric Elliott, Secretary

s/ Mr. John A. Redding, Member