

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Call to Order

An Absentee Ballot meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was held in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room on November 8, 2011. The meeting convened at 2:30 PM, Chairman Linda Sutton presiding.

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

Board Members not in attendance: none

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

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Sutton asked the Board to review the minutes of October 18, 2011. Member Dills moved and Secretary Flatow seconded the motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2011. Motion carried. Chairman Sutton asked the Board to review the minutes of November 1, 2011. Member Dills moved and Secretary Flatow seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Absentee Ballot Report

Mr. Chunn recommended 23 returned absentee ballots for approval and zero for disapproval in the weekly report. Chairman Sutton moved to approve the staff recommendation of absentee ballots. Member Dills seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Other Business

The Board reviewed the Election Day agenda of events. Mr. Coffman explained that precinct vote totals would arrive after 7:30 PM to be tabulated. The Clemmons election returns may be delayed by the manual process of write-in ballots. After Election Day, the State Board of Elections would assign two precincts for the manual hand-eye audit. This audit may be combined with the November 15th Canvass meeting when election results are officially certified. Mr. Coffman informed the Board that election staff would begin the audit of election returns on the day after the Election. Provisional ballots would be processed for the Canvass. Chairman Sutton moved that the Board recess the meeting to the Election storage room to view the process of tabulating the preassembled absentee mailed ballots. Statute allows that preparatory steps be taken in advance of ballot tabulation as long as election results are not revealed. Secretary Flatow seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 2:45 PM. The tabulation of 50 absentee mailed ballots was completed at 3:10 PM. Chairman Sutton moved that the Board recess the meeting until 7:30 PM on Election Day evening. Secretary Flatow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The next Absentee Ballot meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections will be held in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room on Canvass Day, November 15, 2011 at 11:00 AM. Member Dills moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Flatow seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM. Motion carried.

Approved:

Linda J. Sutton, Chair

Date

Michael Flatow, Secretary

Date

Jonathan S. Dills, Member

Date

Attachments on File: none