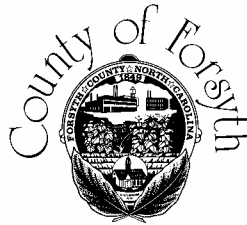


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### **FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING- NOVEMBER 8, 2004**

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

Staff: Mrs. Kathie Chastain Cooper, Director of Elections  
Mrs. Laura Gerardi-Dell, Deputy Director of Elections  
Ms. Pamela Craver

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#### Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

#### Provisional Ballots

The Board and staff discussed the approved and disapproved provisional ballots. Mr. Elliott moved to approve 1150 of the provisional ballots. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the disapproved provisional ballots from precinct 606. There were 6 provisional ballots with the voter application sealed inside due to the precinct running out of provisional envelopes. Mr. Elliott moved to approve the 6 provisional ballots. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The new approval total is 1156.

The staff brought to the Board's attention an absentee ballot that should have been approved on Election Day. The Board examined the absentee and Mr. Elliott moved to approve CIV16903. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Public Session

Representative Larry Womble stated he visited several precincts on Election Day and many experienced problems with the ballot counters. He stated there were some poll workers refusing to give provisional

ballots to voters. He also stated that some precincts ran out of provisional ballots. Mr. Womble expressed his concern about the long wait in order to get to the voting booths. He received many complaints regarding that issue.

#### Provisional Ballots

The Board was given 445 partial count provisional ballots for review. The Director explained the ballots will have to be repunched before placing them in the ballot counter to be tabulated. Mr. Redding moved to approve the 445 partial count provisional ballots. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There were 4 provisional ballots voted by voters who were erroneously removed from the voter records as deceased. The staff investigated the 4 voters and found they were not supposed to be removed as deceased. Mr. Elliott moved to approve the 4 ballots based on the voters not being deceased. Mrs. Cardwell seconded the motion. Mr. Redding voted against counting the provisionals, which resulted in a vote of 2 for and 1 against.

The Board reviewed the provisional votes from the one-stop locations. There were 85 recommended for disapproval.

#### Write – In Votes

Bonnie Myers explained to the Board the procedure she used for counting the write-in ballots. There was a list produced via Microsoft Excel showing the top 10 candidates based on the totals from the one stop sites and the precincts on Election Day.

Mr. Redding moved to recess at 12:40 PM. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board resumed the meeting at 1:00 PM.

After the continuation of reviewing the one-stop provisionals, the Board and staff agreed that there were 88 total recommended for disapproval and 71 recommended for approval and 1 recommended for a partial count. Mr. Elliott moved to disapprove the 88 provisionals and approve the 71 to be counted and the one partial to be counted. Mr. Redding seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The total provisionals for approval from Election Day were 1158. The Board received a list of recommended approvals from the staff. Mr. Redding moved to approve the 1158 provisional ballots. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the recommended disapproved provisional ballots and found some were disapproved from not being sealed properly. The Board suggested that the intent of the voter was to seal the envelope. Mr. Elliott moved to approve the provisional ballots where it seemed that the voter tried to seal the envelope as long as the voter is registered and the correct ballot was voted. The Board recalled a memo written by Gary Bartlett at the State Board of Elections regarding this issue. Mrs. Cardwell seconded the motion. Mr. Redding stated he will not support the counting of these provisional ballots. The motion passed 2-1.

**The Board suggested using self adhesive provisional envelopes in the future instead of the adhesive currently used that requires moistening.**

Mr. Redding moved to recess the meeting until the next morning at 10:00 AM.

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

s:/ Mr. Eric Elliott, Secretary

s:/ Mr. John A. Redding, Member