

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Director of Elections

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 4, 2009

Present: Linda J. Sutton, Secretary
Jerry D. Jordan, Member

Staff: Rob Coffman, Director of Elections
Judy Speas, Office Assistant

Call to Order

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room.

Oath of Office

Jerry D. Jordan was sworn into office by Judy Speas, Notary Public.

Precinct Transfer

The Board and staff discussed a list of six precincts that should be transferred to a neighboring precinct for the September 15th Primary election. Mr. Coffman explained that it would be very expensive as there are very few voters registered per precinct and a low turnout is normally expected. Mr. Coffman also explained that the voters in the transferred precincts would be alerted by mail as to the temporary precinct to vote for only that election. The letter would contain the temporary precinct address and directions; and an explanation of the absentee voting request method. This letter would probably be mailed to the affected voters after the voter registration deadline of August 21, 2009. A notice would also be posted in the newspapers delivered in the areas and on the precinct door on Election Day. The City of Winston-Salem office would also be notified. Ms. Sutton moved to approve that six precincts be temporarily reassigned for the September 15th Election Day only. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of September 15th Ballot

The Board and staff discussed approval of the Winston-Salem Primary Ballot for September 15th. Mr. Coffman explained the alphabetical order required by directive of the State Board for this primary where the candidate with the letter C-Z of the last name would appear first; followed by A, then B. The Board discussed the dilemma that everything for the ballot is set except the signature of

the Chairman. The Democrat Party must produce two names for the State Board to select and approve for the third member of the county board. After that selection is made, the Board will choose the Chairman. The Board discussed time restraints of testing the ballot and printing in-house ballots. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the ballot for the 2009 Winston-Salem Primary. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

The Board and staff discussed that planning for the election is going well. Mr. Coffman stated that the Board was invited to audit precinct official training. The Board will appoint precinct officials on August 18. Three for each precinct will be needed for the primary. Supplies for the primary are being ordered and organized. 65 precincts will be open with 10 ESAs in geographical areas.

Adjournment

Ms. Sutton moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Linda J. Sutton, Secretary

Jerry D. Jordan, Member