

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CANVASS- OCTOBER 4, 2005

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

Staff: Mrs. Kathie Chastain Cooper, Director of Elections
Mrs. Laura Gerardi-Dell, Deputy Director of Elections
Mrs. Pamela Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes- September 27, 2005

Mr. Redding moved to approve the minutes for September 27. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Review of Audit of Winston-Salem Primary

Mrs. Cooper presented the Board with the Audit of Precincts for the 2005 Primary Election. She stated that one precinct, 507, showed 13 votes instead of the actual 3 votes cast for Baxter because of a data entry error. She explained that while this changed the percentages slightly, it did not affect the outcome of the election. She stated that a correction was made. Mrs. Cooper stated that almost every precinct balanced between the number of votes on the PBC and the ATV forms.

Consideration of Provisional Ballots

The Board reviewed 19 provisional ballots: 16 from Election Day and 3 from One Stop Voting. Mr. Elliott moved to approve provisional 122-1 that was recommended for disapproval. The voter checked 2 parties on the outside of the provisional envelope. One choice was Libertarian and since North Carolina does not currently have a Libertarian Party, Mr. Elliott stated that the other choice which was unaffiliated (voter voted a Republican ballot) should be honored. Mrs. Cardwell seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 2-1.

Mr. Elliott moved to approve provisional 201-1. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott moved to approve provisional LOB-1. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and

it passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott moved to approve provisional 204-1. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott moved to disapprove provisionals 205-1 and 205-2. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott moved to approve provisional LOB-3. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott moved to disapprove provisionals 302-1 and 302-2. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott moved to approve provisional 304-1. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott moved to approve provisionals 402-1 and 402-2 and disapprove provisional 402-3. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott moved to approve provisional 404-1. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott moved to disapprove provisionals 405-1 and 405-2. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott moved to disapprove provisional LOB-2. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Elliott moved to approve provisional 504-1 and disapprove provisional 504-2. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The approved provisional ballots were counted. Attached is a copy.

Possible Board Recount of the Southwest Ward

The Southeast Ward had a difference of only 4 votes between the winning candidate and the runner up. The Board decided to recount the precincts in the Southeast Ward. The Board recount changed the totals and there was only a 2 vote difference in the top 2 candidates. Both changes could be explained as one was from a precinct that was off by one ballot and the other one was a provisional ballot. Mrs. Cooper stated that Mr. Boyd could call for a recount since he is now within 1%. The Board asked Mrs. Cooper to notify Mr. Boyd of his right to request a recount. Evelyn Terry, the winning candidate for Southeast Ward had representation at the canvass.

Other Business

The Board and Staff discussed the purchase of "I Voted" stickers to be given out on Election Day to those who vote. Mrs. Cooper stated the stickers would be \$1250 for 200,000. Mr. Elliott stated that it may increase voter awareness and possibly increase

turnout. Mr. Redding stated he did not see that the stickers would increase turnout and feels it is a waste of money. Mr. Elliott moved to purchase the "I Voted" stickers for all the precincts. Mrs. Cardwell seconded the motion and it passed in a 2-1 vote.

Canvass of Winston-Salem Primary

Mr. Redding moved to approve the canvass results. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Withdrawal of South Ward Democratic Candidate and Acceptance of Replacement Candidate

Mrs. Cooper stated that Mr. Bolton withdrew from the Winston-Salem South Ward Council Member race due to illness and the Democratic Party has nominated Molly Leight as the replacement candidate. Mr. Elliott moved to accept the replacement candidate. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Ballot for General Election

Mr. Redding moved to approve the ballot for the General Election. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other Business

Mrs. Cooper stated that if Mr. Boyd requested a recount it will need to be conducted before Friday. The Board decided to conduct the recount if necessary on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 4:00 PM.

Certification of Election Results

The Board signed the certification of the 2005 Winston-Salem Primary.

Adjournment

Mr. Redding made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Elliot seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM.

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

s:/ Mr. J. Eric Elliott, Secretary

s:/ Mr. John A. Redding, Member