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Agenda

August 22, 2017 – 5 p.m.

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Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the second floor meeting room on August 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., Chairman Raymond presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Ken Raymond, Secretary Stuart Russell, and Member Susan Campbell

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Lamar Joyner, Chris Duffey, and Kimberly Stuck

Other Staff: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

Public Comment Session

Chairman Raymond called for public comments, none offered. Member Campbell moved to close public comments, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Russell moved to approve minutes as presented; Member Campbell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Notices of Election

Director Tsujii put the notices for the Primary Municipal as well as the General Municipal before the Board for review. Secretary Russell inquired if there were any major differences in the notices or the dates of publishing; Mr. Tsujii stated none and presented the notices to Chairman Raymond for signature.

Appointment of Precinct Officials

Director Tsujii provided the Board with the names of the precinct officials submitted by both party chairs with staff recommendations for those names submitted. Mr. Tsujii provided the criteria used by staff for the recommendations. Member Campbell inquired about the status quo;

Director Tsujii provided an overview of the procedure and approval process of names and the requirement of unanimous approval of selections in spite of three member Board and quorum. Mr. Tsujii stated that vacancies can be revisited at a later time and provided an overview of the names and the legend included for guidance. The Board examined and considered the names presented.

Chairman Raymond inquired about the Board revisiting selections. Director Tsujii noted that the Board could table names in question for further guidance. Secretary Russell remarked on previous decisions by the Board regarding the moral character requirement. Chairman Raymond mentioned that the list provided by the Republican Party did not indicate recommendations for positions where as the Democratic list did include recommendations for positions. Secretary Russell stated that he was comfortable with the staff recommendations with the exception of those names with questions regarding moral character as raised by Chairman Raymond. Chairman Raymond moved to approve the first list with the exception of Precinct 053; Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii presented the Board with a second list noting that it would require review and selection was at the Board's discretion due to multiple names being submitted for the precincts listed. Mr. Tsujii stated that there were statutory requirements that governed selection noting that the requirements were used in staff recommendations. The Board reviewed the list provided. Secretary Russell stated that the staff dealt closer with those that were on the list and was inclined to accept staff recommendations, unless anything stood out or was provided to the contrary.

The Board deliberated on the nominations for Precinct 21- Belews Creek Fire Station; if a consensus could not be reached for the positions, it would revert back to the previous appointments. Secretary Russell inquired about Precinct 506 – Covenant Presbyterian seeking compromise in the appointments for both Precinct 21 - Belews Creek Fire Station and Precinct 506 - Covenant Presbyterian. Secretary Russell moved to approve the staff's recommendations for both precincts; Member Campbell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary Russell noted that with the exceptions of Precinct 074 – Meadowlark Middle School and Precinct 112 – Walkertown Library; the staff had provided recommendations; Member Campbell indicated that Precinct 55 – Holy Family Catholic Church did not include staff recommendations.

Director Tsujii provided insight for the names submitted for Precinct 55 – Holy Family Catholic Church. Secretary Russell noted that statutory language should govern. Chairman Raymond noted Kathleen Falin had more experience than William Longyard; Secretary Russell moved to appoint Kathleen Falin (U) - Chief Judge, Larry Wise (D) –Judge, and Albert Gaskill (R) – Judge; Chairman Raymond seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Member Campbell inquired about the submissions for Precinct 074 – Meadowlark Middle School and the multiple Burris's as well as notations regarding experience. Secretary Russell moved to appoint Dianne Shore (R) – Chief Judge, Marjorie Burris (D) – Judge, and Dale Vaden (R) – Judge, Chairman Raymond seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board deliberated on the names for Precinct 112 – Walkertown Library; Secretary Russell moved to appoint Jacob Lane (R) – Chief Judge, John Walker (D) – Judge, and Deborah Gitilin

(D) – Judge; Chairman Raymond seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Raymond brought forward Precinct 123 – Forsyth Friends Meeting for discussion. Secretary Russell moved to appoint Betty Lawson (D) – Chief Judge, James Edmonds (D) – Judge, and Julia Wilson (R) – Judge; Chairman Raymond seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Raymond moved forward with Precinct 605 – Parkland High School; Secretary Russell moved to appoint Wanda Byerly (D) and Karen Elledge (U) to that precinct but decide at a future meeting on the third name for appointment and their positions; Chairman Raymond seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii directed the Board to Precinct 101 – Bethania Moravian Church for discussion. Secretary Russell moved to appoint Bernice Hudspedth (R) – Chief Judge, Janet Conrad (R) - Judge, and Natalie Summer (D) – Judge; Chairman Raymond seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Raymond called for any additional precincts; Director Tsujii provided Precinct 304 – Mazie Woodruff Center for discussion. Secretary Russell moved to appoint Mildred Strange (D) – Chief Judge, Artenia Boyce (D) – Judge, and Barry Kinley (R) – Judge; Chairman Raymond seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary Russell moved to accept staff recommendations for all remaining precinct appointments; Member Campbell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

Member Campbell inquired if it were possible to have a workshop/open session for general public to discuss or give overview of duties as a poll worker to drum up interest for both parties. Chairman Raymond thanked all volunteers, and those that work the polls with the long hours, Secretary Russell and Member Campbell shared Chairman Raymond's sentiment. Secretary Russell suggested an open house at the Board of Elections office to drum up interest.

Chairman Raymond inquired about the mock election held the previous week. Mr. Duffey clarified that the mock election that was held was for the counties with September elections; noting that there would be a mock election for the October and November elections. Mr. Duffey stated that those that were held went smoothly.

Member Campbell inquired about news on new voting equipment; Director Tsujii gave an overview of potential processes that could be utilized in the interim.

Closed Session

Chairman Raymond inquired of need for closed session; none provided.

Adjournment

Chairman Raymond called to adjourn; Member Campbell moved to adjourn, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Approved:

Ken Raymond, Chair

Date

Stuart Russell, Secretary

Date

Susan Campbell, Member

Date