BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Linda J. Sutton

Frank M. Dickerson SECRETARY

Jerry D. Jordan MEMBER



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING – October 20, 2009

Present:

Linda J. Sutton, Chair Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary Jerry D. Jordan, Member

Staff:

Rob Coffman, Director of Elections Lamar Joyner, Deputy Director of Elections Judy Speas, Office Assistant

Call to Order

Ms. Sutton called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM in the Board of Elections Conference room.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for October 6, 2009 and October 13, 2009. Ms. Sutton asked whether there were any suggested changes. No suggestions were given. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Absentee Ballots

The Staff recommended twenty absentee ballots for approval and one for disapproval. The Board discussed and agreed that the one ballot was disapproved for the reason of no voter signature. The voter was contacted to explain that their ballot was rejected and mailed a second absentee ballot. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the recommendation of absentee ballots by staff. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

The Board discussed the Notice of Candidacy where a candidate pledges if they are defeated in the primary, they will not run for any office as a write-in candidate in the next general election. The Board agreed that if a candidate legitimately won in this manner, legal counsel would be sought. The Board also agreed that they would most likely certify that candidate as the pledge does not prohibit the candidate from accepting election to the office, only from running for the office.

Mr. Coffman and the Board discussed a One Stop Transaction Statistics report. The report showed that the One Stop Voting volume has averaged 50 voters per day for the Municipal General Election. The Board discussed the cost per day for One Stop Voting, including temporary staff and security costs billed to the department. Mr. Coffman stated that all costs were eventually billed back to the municipalities holding the elections. Mr. Jordan questioned whether any other county municipalities besides Winston-Salem were interested in a One Stop Voting location in their municipality. Mr. Coffman stated that the other municipalities had no interest in One Stop sites in earlier years. However, all Forsyth County municipalities do allow voters to participate in absentee voting. The Statistics report showed that the heaviest volume for 2009 One Stop voting has been with Winston-Salem voters.

Adjournment

Ms. Sutton questioned whether there was any other business for discussion. Mr. Dickerson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:29 PM. The next meeting would occur on October 27, 2009 at 4:00 PM in the Board of Elections conference room.

Linda J. Sutton, Chair

Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary

Jerry D. Jordan, Member