BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Linda J. Sutton CHAIR

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> Jerry D. Jordan MEMBER



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING – November 10, 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 11:03 AM in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for November 3, 2009. Ms. Sutton requested suggestions for corrections or additions. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board signed the minutes for October 27 and November 3, 2009.

Hand Eye Audit

The Board of Elections staff conducted the hand eye audit with the Board in attendance. The three precincts that were randomly chosen by the State Board of Elections after the 2009 Municipal General Election were 062 – Piney Grove Fire Station (455 votes), 073 – Unity Moravian Church (1212 votes) and 501 – St. Andrews UMC (202 votes). The ballots were removed from the sealed ballot boxes; two tables with three staff members each were assembled to complete the hand eye audit. The results were: Precinct 062 had one extra vote which was attributed to one ballot that was voted with check marks instead of completely marking the ovals on the ballot; Precinct 073 also had one extra vote for two candidates which was explained by a ballot with check marks as well; the totals of Precinct 501 matched exactly with the hand eye audit. None of the discrepancies affected the outcome of the election. Ms. Sutton requested a motion to certify the hand eye audit of the Municipal General Election. The motion passed unanimously.

Certification of Election

Mr. Coffman summarized the Abstract of Votes document for the Municipal General Election which is copied and sent to the City Clerks of Winston-Salem, Bethania, Clemmons, Lewisville, Rural Hall, Tobaccoville, Kernersville and Walkertown, the Chairman of the State Board of Elections and retained in the files at the county board of elections. The report contains the precinct breakdown of votes for candidates in the contests and certifies the winners of the election. Ms. Sutton requested a motion to certify the Abstract of Votes for the Municipal General Election. Mr. Jordan moved to certify the document. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The document was signed by the Board members.

<u>Adjournment</u>

The Board decided that the next Board of Elections meeting would be December 1, 2009 at 4:00 PM in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room. Ms. Sutton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jordan moved to adjourn. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 AM.

Linda J. Sutton, Chair

Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary

Jerry D. Jordan, Member