

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## **FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING- JULY 6, 2004**

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

Staff: Mrs. Kathie Chastain Cooper, Director of Elections  
Mrs. Laura Gerardi-Dell, Deputy Director of Elections  
Ms. Pamela Craver, Administrative Assistant  
Mrs. Judy Speas, Absentees and Campaign Reporting

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### Call To Order

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

### Approval of Minutes- June 29, 2004

Mr. Redding moved to approve the minutes for June 29, 2004. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elliott and it passed unanimously.

### Public Session

Mr. Harold Hairston discussed getting a copy of minutes and having a larger room for Board Meetings

### Absentees

The staff had 153 absentees recommended for approval and 5 absentees recommended for disapproval. CIV 8, CIV 7, CIV 93, CIV 94 and CIV234 were recommended for disapproval due to not having witness signatures and addresses.

Mr. Redding moved to disapprove the 5 absentees with no witness signatures and addresses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elliott and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Redding move to approve the 153 ballots that were recommended for approval by the Board of Elections Staff. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Director's Update

Mrs. Cooper discussed the Election preparations taking place in the office. She stated General Services made an agreement with the media in regards to where they can park on Election Day to avoid parking on the sidewalks in front of the Government Center.

### Election Night

Election results will be displayed in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor meeting room beginning at 7:30 pm on election day. Results will be projected on a screen in the room for candidates, news media, interested citizens, etc. to view the results. They will also be available on Internet. We are unable to display the results in our office because the software is old and will only run on a Windows 95 system. The computers in our office are all Windows 2000.

The 4<sup>th</sup> floor meeting room will be a good room for people to watch the results. There are tables and chairs in the room. Also, next door to the room is the employee break room that has various drink and food vending machines.

### Voting Equipment

Mrs. Cooper stated she and Terry Cox attempted to get the fast card reader working so that we could use it as a backup in case we had problems with the PBC IIID's. At first, it would pull cards through but not count correctly. Then, the reader itself would no longer work. The maintenance contract was cancelled several years ago because the card reader was no longer being used. This leaves the Board of Elections with 105 PBC IIID's. On election day, the Board of Elections has to have 103 counters (101 precincts, 1 for election day transfers, 1 for mail out absentees). This leaves 2 extra counters. We normally assign one of them for provisional ballots but that counter could be used on election day as a spare. One counter is usually assigned for one-stop absentees but since we are testing equipment that frees up the other counter. We have two datapack readers that read the packs from the PBC IIID. One of those readers no longer works so we are down to the one reader.

### Voting Equipment Testing

1. Advanced Voting Systems – Absentees for one precinct (606)
2. Diebold DRE – One-stop absentees (total of 6 days)
3. Sequoia DRE – One-stop absentees (total 6 days)
4. ES&S had requested a test but were slow in getting the ballot to us. They subsequently withdrew their request due to certification issues.

5. Sequoia had requested a test of their updated optical scan counter for absentees. However, the SBOE would not certify it as they did not consider it an upgrade. Sequoia withdrew the request to test.

#### Voting Equipment for November

Mrs. Cooper stated she is working on the proper procedures for leasing voting equipment for the one-stop sites in November.

The Staff and Board discussed the need to lease equipment for the General Election. Mr. Elliott wanted to know how many machines we will be leasing. Mrs. Cooper estimated the need for 25 machines, 5 machines for each of the 5 One-Stop locations. She has requested estimates from several vendors and will forward the information to the Board once she receives it.

Mr. Elliott stated that the Board of Elections needs to test optical scan systems in addition to the DRE equipment before making a final decision on purchasing.

The Board and Staff discussed the benefits of the DRE equipment and the Optical Scan equipment.

Mr. Redding suggested checking into Inkavote. Mrs. Cooper will get information on the product and share it with the Board.

The Board discussed wanting to get demonstrations of various equipment. The Director will see if she can get some of those scheduled.

Mrs. Cooper stated that Joyce McCloy will be picketing in front of the Government Center on Thursday, July 8, from Noon to 5 PM.

#### Adjourn

Mr. Elliott moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Redding seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

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

s/ Mr. Eric Elliott, Secretary

s/ Mr. John A. Redding, Member