

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Mrs. Charles A. Cardwell, Jr.**  
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MEMBER



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DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS

### FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING- SEPTEMBER 6, 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

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#### Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

#### Approval of Minutes- August 16, 2005

The Board recommended several minor changes to the minutes. Mr. Elliott moved to approve the minutes with those minor changes. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Approval of Absentees

There were no absentees to be approved.

#### Approval of Sample Ballot

The Board discussed some minor changes to the sample ballot for the Primary Election. Mr. Elliott moved to approve the sample ballot with those minor changes. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Resolution of Duties of Director

The Board discussed the Resolution of Duties of the Director. Mr. Elliott recommended getting a monthly update regarding the activities of the Board of Elections office and staff. The Board would like to be informed of travel, meetings and any matters that require the Board Members' attention. They recommended adding this to the duties of the director. Mr. Elliott moved to approve the Resolution of Duties of the Director with the amendment. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Copy attached).

Mr. Elliott suggested having the Board Members pictures placed in the Board of Elections lobby. He also recommended having pictures of Mrs. Cooper and Gerardi-Dell as well. Mr. Elliott stated this would show public responsiveness.

Mr. Redding moved to have a photographer to take pictures and have them placed in the lobby of the office. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### General Election Equipment Testing

Mrs. Cooper stated that the State Board of Elections hopes to have a state RFP in October, 2005 and give vendors 1 month to respond. She stated only systems currently certified will be allowed to be used in November.

Mrs. Cooper explained the voting equipment options for the November 8, 2005 General Election. She stated that Diebold Election Systems can commit to the Accuvote Optical Scan System for the one-stop voting site, the Accutouch DRE with paper trail for 1 precinct, plus the Accuvote Optical Scan. She stated the Accutouch DRE with paper trail is not certified by the state.

Mrs. Cooper stated that Sequoia Voting Systems can commit to the Insight Optical Scan System and their DRE with paper trail for 1 precinct, plus the Insight Optical Scan. She stated the Insight Optical Scan is not state certified. She also stated that Sequoia's Optech IIIPE is certified in North Carolina, but is no longer being marketed by Sequoia and their DRE with paper trail is not certified.

Mrs. Cooper stated that she has attempted to contact ES&S numerous times but has not received a call back. She stated she wanted to inquire about the M100 Optical Scan System for the one-stop site, the M100 Optical Scan System for 1 precinct plus the iVotronic DRE and the Automark. Mrs. Cooper stated she is not certain if the Automark is certified for use.

Mr. Redding stated that the Diebold DRE equipment has been tested in the past and does not see any point in testing it again. Mrs. Cooper stated they have made some changes to the equipment and the representative would be happy to come to the office and demonstrate.

Mr. Redding suggested requesting that the State Board of Elections allow the Board of Elections to test the Sequoia DRE with paper trail and Advance voting equipment. Mrs. Cooper stated that Advance does not have a DRE with paper trail in production.

The Board agreed that a request should be made to the State Board of Elections to allow the use of equipment that has not yet been certified by the state. Mrs. Cooper suggested making the request for equipment that is nationally certified. She thinks that Sequoia and Diebold are the only ones who are 2002 nationally certified.

Mr. Elliott suggested having Diebold at the one-stop site, ES&S at a precinct and Sequoia at a precinct.

The Board will continue to discuss the testing of equipment for the General Election at their next meeting.

#### Instructional Meetings For Fall Elections

The Board and Staff discussed the online training for precinct workers. Mr. Elliott suggested some changes to make the program more user friendly. Mrs. Cooper stated she would give the recommendations to Bonnie Myers and the county e-gov team.

#### Other Business

Mrs. Cooper stated the Libertarian Party no longer exists as they did not received the required number of votes for Governor that would allow them to remain a party. She stated she will need to change the ballot for the General Election. She stated there were 2 Libertarian candidates. Mrs. Cooper stated there is 1 candidate who is petitioning to be on the ballot in November as an unaffiliated candidate. She stated she cannot finalize the ballot for November until the petitioning process is complete. Mrs. Cooper stated the Libertarians are threatening to sue the state but does not know the status of that situation.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Elliott moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

s:/ Mr. J. Eric Elliott, Secretary

s:/ Mr. John A. Redding, Member