

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Robert H. Coffman
Director of Elections

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING- NOVEMBER 16, 2006

Present: J. Eric Elliott, Chair
Linda J. Sutton, Secretary
Jerry D. Jordan, Member

Staff: Rob Coffman, Director of Elections
Pamela Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

Purpose of Meeting

Mr. Elliott stated the purpose of the meeting was for reviewing provisional ballots to be counted. There are 471 provisional ballots to be reviewed.

Approval of Minutes- October 17, October 24, October 27, October 31 and November 7, 2006

The Board recommended minor changes to the minutes for October 17, October 24, October 27, and November 7. Ms. Sutton moved to approve minutes for October 17, October 24, October 27 and November 7 with the recommended changes. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Provisional Ballots

The Board was giving a list of the provisional ballots that were recommended for approval and disapproval by the staff. The staff investigated each provisional ballot and the results were entered into the SEIMS system and report was generated.

There were 245 recommended for approval. Mr. Jordan moved to approve 245 provisionals. Ms. Sutton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There were 114 provisional ballots recommended for disapproval. The Board and Staff reviewed these. Mr. Jordan moved to disapprove 114

provisional ballots. Ms. Sutton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board and Staff discussed the issue of voters being given the wrong ballot style which may have resulted in a provisional ballot getting partially counted. Mr. Coffman stated he instructed the pollworkers on giving voters the correct ballot style.

There were 112 provisional ballots recommended for partial count. Mr. Jordan moved to approve 112 provisional ballots for partial count. Ms. Sutton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board and Staff remarked the partial count ballots in order to run them through the 650 fast card reader in order to obtain the results; however, it was brought the attention of Mr. Coffman that the State Board of Elections would not allow ballots to be remarked ballots counted on the fast card reader. The State Board of Elections indicated the procedure for counting partial ballots was to do a manual hand to eye count and mark a tally sheet to get the totals and the totals would be entered on the abstract. Mr. Coffman recommended the Board and Staff remark ballots and do a hand to eye count on those. The Board agreed this would cause fewer errors in the counting.

The Board and Staff agreed to do the counting of the approved provisionals on canvass day.

The Board recessed the meeting at 5:00 PM until 11:00 AM November 17th, 2006.

s:/ J. Eric Elliott, Chair

s:/ Linda J. Sutton, Secretary

s:/ Jerry D. Jordan, Member