

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Director of Elections

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING – November 3, 2009

Present: Linda J. Sutton, Chair
Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary

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 4:25 PM in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for October 27, 2009. Ms. Sutton requested suggestions for corrections or changes. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the minutes with one small change. Ms. Sutton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Absentee Ballots

The Staff recommended 63 absentee ballots for approval and no absentee ballots for disapproval. The Board reviewed three absentee ballots that were faxed from overseas and their duplicate ballots prepared by staff to be counted in the fast card reader in the storage room. Ms. Sutton asked for a motion to approve the absentee ballots. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the recommendation of absentee ballots by staff. Ms. Sutton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Coffman and the Board discussed several complaints that had occurred during the day at the precincts. Parking was one complaint, especially at the Reynolds Girl's Gym precinct. Parking problems are minor in the even numbered year elections as the school system is closed. The Board agreed that parking problems for both the school members and for the precinct voters would be minimized if the Board of Elections and Board of Education cooperated with the annual schedule. The Board agreed that there are minor problems with parking at local churches. It was also agreed to explore parking solutions in the future.

A few voters also found that their residence had not been included as property in the recent annexation in order to allow them to vote in their correct jurisdiction. Mr. Coffman explained that the precinct officials would issue provisional ballots if that occurred. The staff would then confirm their jurisdiction after Election Day.

Adjournment

Ms. Sutton moved to recess the meeting in order to count the absentee ballots on the fast card reader in the storage room. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was recessed at 5:13 PM. The Board convened again that night to count precinct ballots for the Municipal General Election at 7:30 PM and adjourned at 10:30 PM. The next meeting would occur on November 10, 2009 at 11:00 AM in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room for the Canvass of votes.

Linda J. Sutton, Chair

Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary