

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Robert H. Coffman
Director of Elections

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY 6, 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION CANVASS MAY 13, 2008

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

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

Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:07 A.M. in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room.

Provisional Ballots

Mr. Coffman stated there were 1375 provisional ballots voted on Election Day. He stated the staff has processed half of these as of today and would be completely finished by Thursday, May 15, 2008. Mr. Coffman explained that the State Board of Elections indicated it was okay to certify the election results after canvass day. The Board agreed to certify the results after the provisional ballots are completed.

Pollbook Reconciliation

The Board and Staff discussed the pollbook reconciliation report. The Board stated concerns over precincts with a difference of 2 or more. The Board asked that the Staff look into the ones with differences of more than 2. The Board agreed there needs to be more training in ballot tallying and provisional ballots.

Other Business

Mr. Coffman explained to the Board that there were a number of provisional ballots that had only 1 signature, when 2 are needed. He stated he did not want the voters to be penalized because of precinct official errors. The Board discussed the issue of signatures. Ms. Sutton moved to count the provisional ballots that had at least one signature. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed 2-1.

Mr. Jordan moved to recess the canvass until Friday, May 16, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. to finalize election results. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was recessed at 12:08 P.M.

May 16, 2008

The Board reconvened at 8:25 A.M.

The Board reviewed the provisional ballot results.

There were 578 provisionals recommended for approval. Ms. Sutton moved to approve the 578 provisional ballots. The motion passed unanimously.

There were 676 recommended for disapproval. Mr. Jordan moved to disapprove the 676 provisional ballots. The motion passed unanimously.

There were 46 provisionals recommended for partial count. Ms. Sutton moved to approve the 46 provisional ballots for partial counting. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the possibility of a 5th Congressional recount.

The provisional ballots were tallied and added to May 6, 2008 election results.

Mr. Coffman discussed the One-Stop plan should there be a 2nd Primary Election. He stated that state statute requires Board of Elections offices have the same number of One-Stop sites and have the same locations for a 2nd Primary unless the Board submits an amended plan. Mr. Coffman stated the Board of Elections would be the only site necessary for a 2nd Primary. The Board agreed and signed the amended plan to be submitted to the State Board of Elections.

Mr. Jordan moved to approve the May 6, 2008 Primary Election results. The motion passed unanimously and the Board signed the official results.

Adjournment

Ms. Sutton moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

S:/ J. Eric Elliott, Chair

S:/ Linda J. Sutton, Secretary

S:/ Jerry D. Jordan, Member