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Minutes
May 1, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Jim White, Chair
Kathy Knight, Secretary
Jamie Cox, Member
Tracy Reams, Director

Call to order: Chairman White called the Board meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. There were no members of the public present to address the Board.

Approval of Board Minutes: Ms. Knight moved and Mr. White seconded the motion to approve the March 6, 2012 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Director Reams provided:

- Voter Registration Statistical Report
- Year-to-Date Budget Report
- Campaign Finance Compliance Report
- Legacy Voter Registration Scanning Project Update
- 2012-13 Budget Update
- Election Day Precinct Official Report
- Report of One-Stop Ballots Cast to Date
- Report of Absentee By-Mail Ballots Received to Date
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Voter Registration Statistical Report:

The director presented the voter registration statistical report showing a total of 104,838 registered voters.

Year-to-Date Budget Report:

The director provided the monthly budget report and reported sufficient funds to carry out the work of the Board.

Campaign Finance Compliance Report:

The director provided an updated list of candidate campaign reports received to date. The director reported that all current year candidate reports are up-to-date.

Legacy Voter Registration Scanning Project:

The director reported that a total of 33,183 out of 48,094 legacy registrations signatures have been scanned and attached to date. The staff started the task on May 12, 2011 and will continue scanning until project complete.

2012-13 Budget Update:

The director reported that she attended budget meetings with the Finance Director and County Manager to discuss the proposed 2012-13 budget request and did not anticipate any reductions in the funds requested.

Election Day Precinct Official Report:

The director presented a list of Election Day precinct official appointment recommendations for Board review.

Report of One-Stop Ballots Cast to Date:

The director submitted a list of 7,814 names that have cast a one-stop ballot to date.

Report of Absentee By-Mail Ballots Cast to Date:

The director submitted the list of 238 civilian ballots cast recommending approval and 1 civilian ballot recommending the Board reject due to no witness signature. 7 military and 29 overseas are submitted recommending approval.

Board Actions:

Mr. Cox made a motion and Ms. Knight seconded the motion to approve the list of Election Day precinct officials as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the one-stop absentee list of 7,814 ballots cast to date. Ms. Knight made a motion and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to approve all 7,814 one-stop ballots cast to date. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed a total of 239 civilian, 7 military and 29 overseas absentee applications. Ms. Knight made a motion to reject one due to no witness signature as required and Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Mr. Cox made a motion to approve 238 civilian, 7 military and 29 overseas and Ms. Knight seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously. The Board initialed the applications and opened the envelopes. The director inserted the ballots into the voting tabulator. The ending count on the tabulator was 274.

Board Discussion:

The Board discussed their precincts to visit on Election Day.

Mr. White reported on his email from Sen. Kinnaird concerning the voting rights of persons listed on the sex offender registry (has no bearing on the right to vote) and convicted felons (citizenship and voting rights are restored upon completion of sentence).

The Board discussed the provisional and supplemental absentee meeting. The Board unanimously agreed to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15 prior to canvass.

Adjournment: Mr. Cox moved and Ms. Knight seconded the motion that the Board adjourn. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: May 8th, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.