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Minutes
July 24, 2012 – 10:00 a.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 and recognized Matt Hughes. Diane Robinson joined the meeting during the one-stop voting discussion.

Approval of Board Minutes: Ms. Knight moved and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to approve the July 17th, 2012 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Director Reams provided:

- Report of Provisional Ballots Cast
- Report of Supplemental Absentee By-Mail Ballots Received
- Report of Sample Audit Precincts Assigned by the SBOE

Report of Provisional Ballots Cast:

The director reported a total of 11 provisional ballots cast. Staff recommends that 7 be fully counted and 4 be denied.

Report of Supplemental Absentee By-Mail Ballots Cast:

The director submitted the list of 4 supplemental absentee ballots received recommending approval of all 4.

Sample Audit Count:

The director reported that the State Board of Elections selected Cedar Grove Precinct and Weaver Dairy Sat. Precinct for the sample audit counts. The Republican Lieutenant Governor is the contest to be hand counted.

One-Stop Voting Discussion:

The Chair reported that he spoke with several county commissioners who support a northern one-stop voting site. The Board discussed various sites. Mr. White supports using Mt. Zion Church due to it being centrally located in the northern part of the county. Mr. Cox supports a northern site at Mt. Zion Church for consistency purposes and to have a one-stop site in the new congressional district. Ms. Knight supports Mt. Zion Church if hours could be altered to accommodate voters.

The Board and director discussed the daily closing hours at the one-stop sites. Due to the extended hours, the Board unanimously agreed that closing hours shall be observed and sites will close precisely at 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. as scheduled at the one-

stop sites. The Board agreed that there will be no “floating” hours noting that anybody in line at the time of closing will be allowed to vote.

Board Actions:

Mr. Cox made a motion and Ms. Knight seconded the motion to establish a 5th one-stop voting site at Mt. Zion Church voting from noon until 7:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays beginning October 18 and ending on November 3. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed 11 provisional ballots cast. Mr. Cox made a motion to reject 4 due to improper registration and to fully count 7. Ms. Knight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board initialed and opened the provisional envelopes. The director inserted the provisional ballots into the voting tabulator. The ending count on the tabulator was 7. The Board tabulated and signed the results tape that shall be certified at Canvass.

The Board reviewed a total of 4 supplemental absentee applications. Ms. Knight made a motion to approve the supplemental ballots and Mr. Cox 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 for all absentee by-mail ballots cast was 4. The Board tabulated and signed the results tape that shall be certified at Canvass.

The Board certified and signed the supplemental absentee abstract that shall be submitted to the State Board as required.

The Board and director conducted the sample audit count for Cedar Grove and Weaver Dairy Sat. Precincts. The ending hand-eye counts were the same as the Election Day machine count. The Board initialed the results report that shall be reported to the SBOE.

The Board reviewed the final results. Mr. Cox made a motion and Ms. Knight seconded the motion to accept and approve the canvass report as submitted by the director. The motion passed unanimously. The Board signed the official abstracts that shall be filed with the State Board of Elections, Orange County Clerk of Courts and a copy shall be filed with the Board office.

Board Discussion:

The Board discussed the August 14th & 15th SBOE Annual Training to be held at the Friday Center. The Board unanimously agreed to defer the August 7th Board meeting due to the training the following week.

Adjournment: Ms. Knight moved and Mr. Cox seconded the motion that the Board adjourn. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: September 4th, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.