



# Lumpkin County Board of Elections & Registration

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## Monthly Meeting

January 15, 2013

### Attendance:

Bastian Oskam (Democratic Seat 4) – Acting Chairman

Sallie Sorohan (Democratic Seat 3) – Board Member

Dottie Krull (Republican Seat 2) – Board Member

Ashley Peck – Secretary, Elections Supervisor & Chief Registrar

Ralph Drew (Republican Seat 1) – Acting Vice Chairman – **(Absent, Board was notified in advance)**

**I. Call to order.** Acting Chairman Oskam called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

### II. Approval of Previous Minutes of December 18, 2012.

*Motion: Ms. Sorohan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

### III. News/Issues

- Ms. Peck reports that the Elections and Voter Registration Office is currently working on processing the returned precinct cards from the redistricting and precinct consolidation. Ms. Peck reports that this will be a lengthy process.
- Ms. Peck reports that the Elections and Voter Registration Office is currently working on the data migration reports for the transfer to the new Voter Registration System.
- All board members received the updated 2012 edition of the Georgia Election Code Books.

### IV. 2013 Officers

- The 2013 Board of Elections and Voter Registration Officers were proposed as follows:  
Bas Oskam – Chairman  
Ralph Drew – Vice Chairman  
Ashley Peck – Secretary

*A motion was made to accept the 2013 officers as proposed. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.*

### V. New VR System and Training

- Ms. Peck reports that the new VR System will be launching the end of February. Ms. Peck reports that she and Ms. Williamson, the Elections Technician will be attending the mandatory training for the new VR System on 2/18 – 2/21.
- Office Coverage for 2/18 – 2/21 is discussed. The board agrees that they will look at their individual schedules and notify Ms. Peck which days they will be available to cover the office.
- The date of next month's regular meeting is discussed as the meeting falls during the time that Ms. Peck and Ms. Williamson will be away at training. The Board agrees to change the regular monthly meeting to February 26, 2012 at 9:00am in the Elections and Voter Registration Office.

### VI. Contingency Plan Update

- The Board decides to update the contingency plan for the department. Mr. Oskam and Mr. Drew will be reviewing and updating the plan.

## **VII. By-Laws Update**

- The Board decides to review and update the by-laws. Ms. Krull and Ms. Sorohan will be reviewing and updating the by- laws.

## **VIII. Signage at Polling Places**

- The Board discusses an issue with the signage at the polling locations that was received by a Board member. The issue voiced was that the signs currently used blend in with the political signs. It was decided that the Elections Department would look to see if there were other options available for signage and determine what the cost would be before any changes were made. The Board also decided that more signs should be purchased for the North Precinct to insure voters know where to vote and alleviate any confusion.

## **IX. Budget**

- The budget was reviewed by the Board. No changes or concerns were noted.

## **X. Letter to the Commissioners**

- The letter to the Commissioners concerning the moving of the Elections and Voter Registration Office was given final approval by the Board. Mr. Oskam, Ms. Krull, and Ms. Sorohan signed the letter. Ms. Peck is to insure Mr. Drew signs the letter and then sends the letter to the Commissioners.

## **XI. Upcoming Events**

- Ms. Peck discusses the upcoming events:
  - a) 1/17: 3T Meeting
  - b) 1/21: Martin Luther King Holiday (office closed)
  - c) 2/18 – 2/21: New VR Training

## **XII. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2013 at 9:00 am.

*Mr. Oskam makes a motion to close the meeting. Ms. Sorohan seconds the motion. Motion carries.*

Acting Chairman Oskam adjourns the meeting at 10:23 am.