



Lumpkin County Board of Elections & Registration

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Monthly Meeting

May 15, 2012

Attendance:

Chuck Treadway (Republican Seat 2) – Chairman

Bastian Oskam (Democratic Seat 4) – Vice Chair

Ralph Drew (Republican Seat 1) - Board Member

Sallie Sorohan (Democratic Seat 3) – Board Member

Kimberly Pruitt (Nonpartisan Seat 5) – Secretary, Elections Supervisor & Chief Registrar

Linda Williamson – Elections & Voter Registration Technician

I. Call to order. Chairman Treadway called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

II. Approval of Previous Minutes of April 17, 2012.

Motion: Ms. Sorohan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Drew seconded the motion. Mr. Drew, Ms. Sorohan, Mr. Oskam & Ms. Pruitt approved the motion. Chairman Treadway abstained. The motion carried.

III. Public Hearing – Challenges by the Board

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-228, a hearing was held to determine the eligibility to remain on the electors list of sixty-nine individuals. A detailed list with reasons for the challenges, pertinent research and the date the notices were mailed to the named individuals is attached. No challenged voters are in attendance.

- Two challenges were cases of published obituaries.
- Sixty-seven challenges were due to invalid residential addresses, Department of Drivers Services' records showing an out of county address, or records showing they are currently registered in other states. All resources were researched in order to contact the voters and letters were mailed to all addresses found for each voter.

Motion: Mr. Drew motioned to delete the sixty-nine individuals from the voter list. Mr. Oskam seconded the motion. Mr. Drew, Ms. Sorohan, Mr. Oskam & Ms. Pruitt approved the motion. Chairman Treadway abstained. The motion carried.

Resolved, that these sixty-nine voters are no longer qualified to be registered in Lumpkin County.

IV. News/Issues

A. Budget

- **Current:** The April 2012 report is reviewed. Ms. Pruitt reports that the only overage or area of concern remains postage.
- **2013 Budget:** Ms. Pruitt reports that the initial budget meeting with the County Manager, County Clerk, Finance Director & Assistant, and the Director of Community & Employee Services was held on May 14, 2012. It appeared hopeful that the Election & Voter Registration Technician could potentially be returned to a full time position. The increase in voters and work load and decrease in staff was submitted to support the request. Chairman Treadway requests the date of following meetings. Ms. Pruitt responds that she will resend the budget calendar to the Board.

B. Office Activity/Election Prep

- Ms. Pruitt reports that Ms. Williamson continues to review, research, and send letters out to all “undeliverable as addressed” voters whose precinct cards were returned. The research phase is lengthy, including Department of Drivers Services' records, tax records, the White Pages, e-mails and phones, in order to ensure each voter is well informed prior to moving forward to a hearing.
- Ms. Pruitt reports she has completed the voting unit interior signage and cutting and crimping all additional security cables. She is currently focusing on the Kindergarten and High School elections which will take place this week. The next focus will be on poll worker assignments and training.

V. Upcoming Events

Chairman Treadway reviews the upcoming events pertinent to the office and elections:

- 5/17 1:30 pm-2:30 pm LCES Kindergarten Field Trip Election.
- 5/18 7:30 am-3:00 pm LCHS Student Government Election. Ms. Pruitt will deliver the equipment the evening of 5/18, will open the units the morning of the election and will return to consolidate the returns and retrieve the units around 2:30 pm.
- 5/23 9:00 am-5/25 12:00 noon Qualifying. Ms. Pruitt reports that the office will hold qualifying for nonpartisan candidates and the Democratic Party. The boxed ad was published this week and will continue for two more weeks.
- 6/3-6/6 Voter Registrar Association of Georgia Annual Mandatory Training, Savannah. Office Coverage: 6/4 Mr. Drew, 6/5 Ms. Sorohan, 6/6 unknown.
- 6/15-7/27 Absentee By Mail for the General Primary.
- 6/19-6/24 Supervisor Pruitt Absent. Chairman Treadway asks all Board Members to make themselves available as much as possible in the event Ms. Williamson should need assistance.
- 7/2 Registration Deadline for the General Primary
- 7/9-7/27 Advance Voting for the General Primary. Mr. Drew asks if Advance Voting will be held in the same location. Ms. Pruitt affirms that she is unaware of any changes in location.
- 7/30 Deliver Equipment– Mr. Drew verifies that the contractors will not be accompanied by Board Members for this election based upon their performance during the Presidential Primary.
- 7/31 General Primary.
- 8/1 Retrieve Equipment and begin Consolidation of Returns.
- 8/3 Certify Results at 2:00 pm if there are no Provisional Voters with outstanding ID, otherwise, 5:00 pm.

VI. Next Meeting & Adjournment

Due to Ms. Pruitt’s absence, the board agrees to move the next meeting to June 26, 2012 at 9:00 am.

Motion: Mr. Drew made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Oskam seconded the motion. Mr. Drew, Mr. Oskam, Ms. Sorohan & Ms. Pruitt approved the motion. Chairman Treadway abstained. The motion carried.
-Chairman Treadway adjourned the meeting at 9:24 am.

Date

Chuck Treadway, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Elections & Registration

Attest:

Kimberly A. Pruitt
Secretary, Lumpkin County Board of Elections & Registration