



# Lumpkin County Board of Elections & Registration

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## Monthly Meeting

June 26, 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 9:00 am.

### II. Approval of Previous Minutes of May 15, 2012.

*Motion:* Mr. Oskam 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 fifty-eight 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.
- Fifty-six 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 fifty-eight individuals from the voter list. Ms. Sorohan seconded the motion. Mr. Drew, Ms. Sorohan, Mr. Oskam & Ms. Pruitt approved the motion. Chairman Treadway abstained. The motion carried.

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

### IV. News/Issues

#### A. Budget

- **Current:** The May 2012 report is reviewed. Ms. Pruitt reports that the only overage or area of concern remains postage.

#### B. Office Activity/Election Prep

- Ms. Pruitt reports the Advance Voting Poll Workers schedule have been set, however, call outs have began. This occurs every time and will continue throughout.
- Advance Voting Poll Worker Training will be Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in office.
- Ms. Pruitt will be present to set up the Advance Voting Precinct on Friday July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Pruitt asks the Board if Poll Manager Raymond DeBlois can host the poll worker training, since she will no longer be employed by the county full time after July 6<sup>th</sup>. Experienced training is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> and New Poll Worker Training is scheduled for Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>. Due to the renovations, Ms. Pruitt had planned stations in the lobby, conference rooms and the office. Otherwise, it must be moved to Park & Rec.
- Chairman Treadway discusses Ms. Pruitt coming in on a part time basis to assist with both the Primary and Runoff, leaving the pay process to the county.
- Chairman Treadway reviews the three potential candidates suggested for the Supervisor of Elections & Chief Registrar position. The Board discusses their desire to be involved with the hiring process and

requests that the Chairman notify the Community & Employee Director and County Manager that they would like to be involved.

## V. Upcoming Events

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

- 6/15-7/27 Absentee By Mail for the General Primary.
- 6/15-6/28 Logic & Accuracy Testing. The Board will begin the testing of the voting units immediately following this meeting.
- 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.
- 7/6 Supervisor & Chief Registrar Pruitt's last full time day.
- 7/9-7/27 Advance Voting for the General Primary.
- 7/19 & 7/21 Poll Worker Training.
- 7/30 Deliver Equipment.
- 7/31 General Primary. Chairman Treadway will be in office beginning at 6:00 am in order to assist Poll Managers with technical questions and calls. The Board will split their quality assurance rounds at 7:00 am. The changes in the GEMS system upload of results is reviewed with Chairman Treadway requesting the e-mails of the updated procedure be resent.
- 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. Chairman Treadway requests that Ms. Pruitt assist with the certification following her shift at her new position.
- 8/13-8/17 Advance Voting for the Primary Runoff
- 8/20 Deliver Equipment
- 8/21 Primary Runoff & BOER Regular Monthly Meeting
- 8/22 Retrieve Equipment and begin Consolidation of Returns
- 8/24 Certify Results at 2:00 pm if there are no Provisional Voters with outstanding ID, otherwise, 5:00 pm.
- 8/27 Voter registration resumes
- Ms. Sorohan expresses concern on the Federal issue in the news of the 45 days being required for voting for the military and overseas voters, however, the runoff is scheduled statewide only 21 days after the primary. Ms. Pruitt responds that the state legislation would have to be changed in order to comply. The way in which Georgia deals with this issue, is that when UOCAVA ballots are mailed out in any election, a runoff ballot, called a SWAB (State Write In Absentee Ballot), is included in the ballot packet, along with instructions telling the voter that in the event of a runoff, they will need to check the Secretary of State website in order to see the candidates involved in the runoff, write their names on the SWAB and return it in the provided envelopes. When the county receives the SWAB, the Vote Review Panel transfers the votes onto a scannable ballot on election night, and it is counted with the other Absentee by Mail ballots.

## VI. Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for to July 17, 2012 at 9:00 am.

***Motion:** Mr. Drew made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Sorohan 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 9:25 am.

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Date

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Chuck Treadway, Chairman  
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