

**FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
AND VOTER REGISTRATION**

ACTION AGENDA

November 26, 2013

Board Members Present: Addison Lester, Chairman
Marilyn Watts

Staff Present: Tom Sawyer, Elections Supervisor
Beverly Westmoreland, Part-Time Election Clerk

Others in Attendance: None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lester called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. Chairman Lester and Member Watts were present. Member Hicks was absent.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Watts made motion to approve the November 26, 2013 Agenda; Chairman Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

C. HEARING

1. DECEASED VOTERS

Supervisor Sawyer presented the list of the cancelled deceased voters to the Board for approval

2. FELONS

Supervisor Sawyer presented the list of cancelled and deleted felons from the Elections List to the Board for approval.

Member Watts made motion to approve the list of cancelled, deceased voters and the cancelled list of felons. Chairman Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

D. OLD BUSINESS

3. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BOARD MINUTES:

October 22, 2013 (OCTOBER)

Chairman Lester made motion to approve the October 22, 2013 Minutes. Member Watts seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

E. NEW BUSINESS

4. POLL WORKERS – FAMILY MEMBERS

Supervisor Sawyer brought to the Board's attention that he had been questioned about conflict of interest regarding his wife, Gail Sawyer, working as a poll worker during the November 5, 2013 election. Supervisor Sawyer told the Board he had received approval from Steve Rapson, Fayette County Administrator for Mrs. Sawyer to work.

Discussion continued with the consensus from the Board that this was not a problem. The motion was made by Member Watts that this office continue with the same policy it has had in the past as this issue has never been a problem. Chairman Lester seconded. **Motion carried.**

Some further discussion ensued with Chairman Lester saying in the future, this policy should be the exception and not the rule regarding employing family members as poll workers.

5. OFFICIAL & COMPLETE – November 5, 2013

- **RECOUNT – TOWN OF TYRONE – TOWN COUNCIL POST 3**

Supervisor Sawyer discussed with the Board the final and complete election results. He mentioned there had been a recount for the Town of Tyrone for the race between Pota Coston and Ken Matthews. The recount proved to be the same with Ken Matthews claiming 50.04% of votes cast.

6. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION – RUNOFF – MAYOR – PTC

- **ADVANCED VOTING –NOVEMBER 18, 2013 TO NOVEMBER 27, 2013
8:00 A.M TO 5:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Sawyer gave the Board an update on the Advanced Voting at the Peachtree City Library. He said as of the previous day, there had been 1030 voters.

- **DECEMBER 3, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board decided to meet back at the office at 6:30 p.m. on December 3, 2013 for the Peachtree City Run-off election.

**7. CANCEL REGULARLY SCHEDULED DECEMBER MEETING
DECEMBER 24, 2013**

Chairman Lester made motion to cancel the December 24, 2013 Board of Election meeting. Member Watts seconded. **Motion carried.**

8. REDISTRICTING

• **TRAINING – ELECTION-NET – NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

Supervisor Sawyer updated the Board about a training class on redistricting the office had attended on November 18, 2013 in Macon, Ga. He further stated that whatever changes need to be done should be ready by February, 2014.

**9. HB 143 – TRAINING – DECEMBER 10, 2013 – CHEROKEE ELECTIONS
OFFICE**

Supervisor Sawyer told the Board that there will be a training class on HB 143 to be held in Cherokee County Elections office on December 10, 2013. He plans for representation from this office to attend.

10. COMBINED CONFERENCE – GEOA/VRAG-MARCH 30 - APRIL 2, 2014

The Board discussed the combined GEOA/VRAG conference to be held March 30 through April 2, 2014 in Augusta, GA. Supervisor Sawyer told the Board he will attend a planning meeting on December 12-13, 2013 for this conference.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Lester asked if there was any other business. There was none.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was none.

H. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no other items for consideration.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lester moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:35 p.m. Member Watts seconded. **Motion carried.**

The next Board meeting will be January 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.