

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

ACTION OF AGENDA

February 25, 2014

Board Members Present: Addison Lester, Chairman
Darryl Hicks
Marilyn Watts

Staff Present: Tom Sawyer, Elections Supervisor
April Crosby, Election Officer

Others in Attendance: Tony Parrott

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lester called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. All Board Members were present.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Hicks made motion to approve the February 25, 2014 Agenda; Member Watts seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

C. MEETING WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY – DENNIS DAVENPORT

1. DISTRICT VOTING

2. ORDER ISSUED BY JUDGE TIMOTHY BATTEN

Mr. Davenport started out by saying he has not been involved in the lawsuit and did not attend the hearing on February 18, 2014 but he does have a copy of the order issued. Those attending the hearing, anticipating an opportunity to address the court on the issue of district voting, were not allowed to do so.

The end result of the hearing is that district voting is to be implemented with his order. It by definition is a final order, which has been anticipated for quite some time. He said that the order is appealable, but of course, he does not know whether that will happen. It

is in effect for the 2014 election cycle beginning with no time to spare, since qualifying is next week.

There was further discussion among the Board members relating to the map and how the Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners would be affected.

Mr. Davenport said he knew this was a short version of what happened but that is really all that happened. He said he would be happy to answer any questions about things he can answer questions about.

The Board indicated they did not have any questions. Mr. Davenport said this election is going forth under this map no matter what happens.

Supervisor Sawyer said the office is working diligently to implement the changes relating to the new district map. He said maps are being printed that will be available to the parties for them to use for qualifying next week. As soon as all changes are made in the database, new precinct cards will be mailed to all the voters.

Mr. Davenport reiterated that he would be happy to answer any further questions on this topic that the Board may have.

D. HEARING

3. DECEASED VOTERS

Officer Crosby presented the list of the cancelled deceased voters to the Board for approval. After perusal of the list, Chairman Lester made motion to approve the list of deceased voters. Member Hicks seconded. **Motion carried.**

4. FELONS

Officer Crosby said there were no felons to be cancelled at this time.

E. OLD BUSINESS

5. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BOARD MINUTES

January 30, 2014 (JANUARY)

Member Hicks made motion to approve the January 30, 2014 minutes. Member Watts seconded. **Motion carried.**

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

Supervisor Sawyer informed the Board that he has figured the cost of attending this conference with all the staff, as well as all 3 Board members attending. The conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Augusta, GA. He said, since this is a combined conference, there will be about 500 - 600 people attending in Augusta, GA.

Supervisor Sawyer further told the Board that the Election Code Books are being re-done. This item is currently planned to be one of the last on the conference agenda.

Under Old Business: Supervisor Sawyer also updated the Board about the Easy File program. He had spoken to Steve Rapson about getting funding for this and Mr. Rapson asked him to contact the School Board about sharing the cost of this software. Supervisor Sawyer said he will meet with the School Board about this. Approval is expected.

F. NEW BUSINESS

7. NOTICE OF QUALIFYING FEES – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Supervisor Sawyer gave the Board a copy of the notice he had printed in the newspaper about qualifying. He shared a copy of the letter received from the Republican Party and the email he received from Dawn Maybra of the Democratic Party, which was included in with the notice in the paper.

- **EMAIL FROM FLOYD JONES / PATRICK STOUGH**

Supervisor Sawyer told the Board he had spoken with Floyd Jones, the County Clerk about the qualifying fees. The County Clerk as well as the HR Director, Lewis Patterson, are responsible for putting together the calculations for these qualifying fees. Supervisor Sawyer shared with the Board an email he received from Floyd Jones explaining some discrepancies from previous years' qualifying fees.

Officer Crosby told the Board that the Secretary of State's website has information for qualifying candidates which might be helpful to the Board. Qualifications for all the offices are on the website under "Candidate Information".

8. LOCAL OFFICES UP FOR RE-ELECTION

- COUNTY COMMISSION – DISTRICT 3 – STEVE BROWN, INCUMBENT
- COUNTY COMMISSION – DISTRICT 5 – ALLEN MCCARTY, INCUMBENT
- BOARD OF EDUCATION – DISTRICT 4 – BOB TODD, INCUMBENT

- BOARD OF EDUCATION – DISTRICT 5 – LEONARD PRESBURG, INCUMBENT
- JUDGE, STATE COURT OF FAYETTE COUNTY – JASON THOMPSON, INCUMBENT

There was discussion earlier in this meeting relating to the local candidates up for election.

G. OTHER BUSINESS

There was discussion amongst the Board members about Chairman Lester's position being reappointed by the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Lester made a motion to postpone voting on a new chairman for this Board until the Commissioners appoint a new person to fill this position. Member Hicks seconded. **Motion carried.**

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was none.

I. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There was none.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Member Watts made motion to adjourn at approximately 6:00. Member Hicks seconded. **Motion carried.**

The next Board meeting (MARCH) will be March 25, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.