

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

MINUTES

March 25, 2014

Board Members Present: Addison Lester, Chairman
Marilyn Watts

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

Others in Attendance: Tony Parrott

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Lester made motion to approve the March 25, 2014 Agenda. (Member Watts asked about the election of a chairman for this Board being on the Agenda. Chairman Lester said it would be addressed in "Other Business".) Member Watts seconded the motion to approve the Agenda. **Motion carried.**

C. HEARINGS

1. DECEASED VOTERS

2. FELONS

Officer Crosby presented the list of deceased voters and the list of felons to be deleted from voting records. She explained to the Board that there has been a problem with ENet in getting these lists. After perusal of both lists by the Board, Chairman Lester made motion to approve the deceased list and the felon list of cancelled voters. Member Watts seconded. **Motion carried.**

D. OLD BUSINESS

3. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BOARD MINUTES:

FEBRUARY 25, 2014 (FEBRUARY)

After perusal of the minutes, Member Watts made motion to approve the February 25, 2014 minutes. Chairman Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

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

Supervisor Sawyer updated the Board on the upcoming conference. There was discussion about the Sheraton Hotel arrangements and departure time to leave for the conference. The decision was made to leave at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday March 30, 2014. A Meet-And-Greet time is planned from 5-7 at the Marriott Conference Center which is sponsored by various vendors. Supervisor Sawyer will drive separately as he must be there earlier than the rest of the attendees. The Recreation Department's van will be the mode of transportation.

E. NEW BUSINESS

5. NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

There was brief discussion relating to an appeal by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners et al., on the judgment made recently on district voting for Fayette County. Supervisor Sawyer told the Board that the election on May 20, 2014 will be under the new district map no matter the outcome of an appeal.

Supervisor Sawyer told the Board that appeals on the new district map will be made separately by the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education. He further explained to the Board about the redistricting and the amount of work and time it is taking to complete the process.

6. LOCAL ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2014

Supervisor Sawyer went over upcoming dates for the Federal Primary Election to be held May 20, 2014. The next Board of Elections meeting is April 22, 2014. Advance in-person voting will begin in the Elections Office on April 28, 2014 through May 16, 2014. Advance in-person voting will begin on May 5, 2014 through May 16, 2014 at the Peachtree City Library, as well as Tyrone Town Hall. The election will be certified on May 23, 2014. The date set for a potential run-off for this upcoming primary election is July 22, 2014.

7. APPROVAL OF ADDISON LESTER TO SUCCEED HIMSELF ON FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION

Supervisor Sawyer read the approval from the Fayette County Board of Commissioners' Action Agenda for the March 11, 2014 meeting confirming the reappointment of Mr. Addison Lester to the Fayette County Board of Elections. Mr. Lester's term begins on February 1, 2014 and expires on January 31, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

(Supervisor Sawyer passed out a list to the Board of the Qualified Candidates for Fayette County offices for the upcoming election.) He further told the Board that sample ballots will be ready soon. They are being held until the redistricting project is complete.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

The position of electing a chairman for the Board of Elections for 2014 was brought up. Chairman Lester made a motion to postpone voting on a new chairman for this Board until all Board members are present. Member Watts seconded. **Motion carried.**

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was none.

H. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There was none.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Member Watts made motion to adjourn at approximately 5:30 P.M. Chairman Lester seconded. **Motion carried.**

The next Board meeting (APRIL) will be April 22, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.