

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

**ACTION OF AGENDA**

*February 24, 2015*

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

**Staff Present:** Tom Sawyer, Elections Supervisor  
Leigh Combs, Elections Officer  
April Crosby, Elections Officer  
Beverly Westmoreland, Elections Clerk

**Others in Attendance:** Don Rehwaldt, Pat Earnest, Alberta Lucas, Grace Caldwell,  
Mike Caldwell, Carol Springsteen, Peggy Perkins, Candice  
Serafin, Charles Bennett, and Jane Bennett

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Watts called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Lester made the motion to approve the agenda. Member Hicks seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

**C. HEARING – DECEASED FAYETTE COUNTY VOTERS**

**D. HEARING – FELON FAYETTE COUNTY VOTERS**

**E. HEARING – MOVED OUT OF STATE VOTERS**

Elections Officer Combs presented the list of deleted/cancelled Fayette County Deceased and Moved-Out-Of State Voters. (There were no felon voters to be deleted/cancelled for this past month.)

The Board perused the lists. Member Lester made motion to approve the lists of deceased and moved-out-of-state voters; Member Hicks seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

## **F. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BOARD MINUTES – REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING – JANUARY 27, 2015 (JANUARY)**

Member Hicks made motion to approve the January 27, 2015 minutes. Member Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. INTERGOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS**

Supervisor Sawyer briefly discussed with the Board the subject of inter-government agreements from the cities and towns in Fayette County. The Board was given copies of these agreements for information only. No action was taken.

### **3. REPORT OF VOTING EQUIPMENT**

Supervisor Sawyer spoke to the Board and the visitors attending the Board meeting about the voting equipment used during elections. He asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Candice Serafin asked the Board if they had any knowledge about a foreign country being in charge of counting ballots. Supervisor Sawyer and the Board said they could only speak of how the counting takes place in this office. Ms. Serafin asked if some investigating could be done regarding SYCTL.com and the connection to SOESOFTWARE.com.

Chairman Watts thanked the visitors for their input. Supervisor Sawyer agreed to investigate those websites and look further into this allegation.

### **4. BALOTAR – YTD BUDGET**

Supervisor Sawyer spoke to the Board again about the proposal of purchasing the Balotar software system in regard to the Budget. Copies of the YTD Budget report was passed out to all of the board members. Supervisor Sawyer said that it is hoped that we will have sufficient budget available in the current year to fund this purchase. No action was taken.

### **5. DISTRICT VOTING CASE – MARCH 23, 2015 MOVED TO JUNE 22, 2015**

Supervisor Sawyer informed the Board that the District Voting legal issue has been postponed until June 22, 2015. There was brief discussion about this issue.

#### **6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – 2/16/2015**

Supervisor Sawyer passed out information regarding House Bill 194. If this bill is passed, it will reduce the number of voting dates for advance voting from 21 days to 12 days. The 12 days would include the 5 working days during the two weeks prior to an election. Additionally included in advance voting would be either one Saturday and one Sunday, or 2 Saturdays. The bill would leave it up to the individual counties to decide how this would be done. There has been no final vote on this House Bill.

#### **7. PTC – PROPOSED CHANGE IN ELECTIONS – LONG RANGE**

Supervisor Sawyer told the Board that Vanessa Fleisch, the Mayor of Peachtree City, had called him regarding this issue. There is a proposal to change the date of their municipal election to coincide with county/state/federal elections. The objective would be a larger turn-out of voters. Their city code would have to be amended if this were to take place.

There was brief discussion of this issue amongst the Board.

#### **H. OTHER BUSINESS**

Officer Crosby brought before the Board an issue regarding a challenged voter, Wyatt Evans, who is thought to be living in Fulton County. The Board agreed that no action should be taken until there is further investigation.

There was no other business brought before the Board.

#### **I. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no other items for consideration.

(At this point, Chairman Watts asked the visitors for questions and comments. Various topics were addressed relating to voter identification requirements and qualifying candidate requirements.)

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Lester made motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m. Member Hicks seconded. **Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.**

**The next Board meeting (March) is scheduled for March 24, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.**