

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

**MINUTES**

*June 23, 2015*

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

**Staff Present:** Tom Sawyer, Elections Supervisor  
Leigh Combs, Elections Officer

**Others in Attendance:** Tony Parrott

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Watts called the regularly scheduled Board of Elections meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 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**

Elections Officer Combs presented the list of deceased Fayette County voters. Member Lester made motion to approve the list of cancelled deceased Fayette County voters; Member Hicks seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

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

Elections Officer Combs presented the list of felon Fayette County voters and told the Board that the list is coming in now on a quarterly basis. Member Lester made motion to approve the list of cancelled felon Fayette County voters; Member Hicks seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

## **E. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BOARD MINUTES – REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING – MAY 26, 2015 (MAY)**

Member Hicks recused himself from voting on this agenda item since he had not attended the Board meeting on May 26, 2015. Chairman Watts made motion to approve the May 26, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes. Member Lester seconded. **Motion carried.**

## **F. NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. VRAG CONFERENCE**

#### **(a) August 2-5, 2015 Savannah Marriott Riverfront**

Supervisor Sawyer has made hotel reservations for Board Members and all Elections Staff to attend this conference. Supervisor Sawyer is scheduled to be inducted as President of VRAG at this conference.

Supervisor Sawyer updated the Board about the meeting he had attended in Macon whereby finalization plans were made for the VRAG Conference. Topics planned for this conference are:

Poll Worker Training  
Crowd Control for the 2016 Presidential Election  
Getting Ready for Muni Elections  
Qualifying Candidates in August for the Muni Elections

#### **(b) Van obtained from Parks and Recreation Department**

Arrangements have been made for the van from Parks and Recreation to be used for transportation purposes for all attending the conference. All Board members are planning to attend.

Chairman Watts asked Supervisor Sawyer to check about the Defensive Driving Class and if she needs to update her status. Supervisor Sawyer said that he usually gets a list of those needing to update their certificate of eligibility and he will check on this.

### **3. TRAINING CLASS**

**June 11, 2015: EASYFILE**

Supervisor Sawyer said he was very pleased with the large turnout for this training class and thanked Chairman Watts and Member Lester for attending. County elected officials and candidates are now able to go on-line to file their campaign finance reporting with this new software. Expedition of this new Easyfile program is going well as most all these elected officials have gotten registered.

**June 17, 2015: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. CANDIDATES & PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

**1 p.m.- 3 p.m. LOCAL FILING ENTITIES & QUALIFYING OFFICERS**

Chairman Watts asked how this class went. Supervisor Sawyer said all elected officials could attend and the State of Georgia Ethics Commission conducted this training on how to do the reports.

There was some discussion amongst the Board members as to how to make this program available to the cities in Fayette County. Supervisor Sawyer said he will investigate further on the possibility of being able to make it available to the cities.

Supervisor Sawyer told the Board that Officer Crosby will have the responsibility of overseeing this program and will be the contact person.

#### **4. COMBINED GEOA / VRAG CONFERENCE – DECEMBER 13, 2015 – ATHENS, GA**

Supervisor Sawyer said he has not made any reservations for this conference yet. Supervisor Sawyer said plans are being made for this to be a very informative conference in order to enhance organization and training for the 2016 elections.

### **G. OTHER BUSINESS**

Supervisor Sawyer updated the Board what he had learned from the County Staff Meeting. He said the Final Budget is scheduled for approval at the County Commission public hearing on Thursday night, June 25, 2015 and will be finalized on Friday, June 26, 2015. He said a 2% COLA for County staff is included in the budget. There will also be discussion about a 2% “once in a lifetime bonus” (after 6 months of employment) at that Commission meeting.

### **H. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Supervisor Sawyer said he will get the minutes for the Executive Session held on May 26, 2015 to the Board by the next Board meeting.

There were no other items for consideration to discuss.

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Watts announced the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

**The next Board meeting (JULY) is scheduled for July 28, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.**