

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

MINUTES

*June 28, 2016
5:00 P.M.*

Board Members Present: Addison Lester
Aaron Wright

Staff Present: Leigh Combs, Elections Officer
April Crosby, Elections Officer
Beverly Westmoreland, Part-time Elections Clerk

Others in Attendance: Alberta Lucas
Tony Parrot
Carol Thornburgh

Member Lester called the meeting to order at approximately 5:07 p.m. with himself and Member Wright present. Chairman Hicks was out of town and unable to attend.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

B. HEARINGS

1. DECEASED ELECTORS

Elections Officer Combs presented the list of deceased Fayette County voters for June, 2016. Member Lester made the motion to approve the list of cancelled deceased Fayette County voters. Member Wright seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

2. FELON ELECTORS

Elections Officer Combs presented the list of felon Fayette County voters for June, 2016. Member Lester made the motion to approve the list of cancelled felon Fayette County voters. Member Wright seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a. MAY 27, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

Member Wright made the motion to approve the May 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes; Member Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

b. JUNE 14, 2016 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Member Lester made the motion to approve the June 14, 2016 Special Called Meeting Minutes; Member Wright seconded. **Motion carried.**

(At this point, Member Lester made the motion to add “item c” under Old Business to include Executive Session Minutes; Member Wright seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**)

c. JUNE 14, 2016 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Lester made the motion to approve the June 14, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes; Member Wright seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Run-Off Timeline

Officer Combs gave the Board a copy of the Run-Off timeline.

Officer Crosby updated the Board saying the “Techno Team” will be looking at the voting equipment and accessing if any repairs need to be made.

Regarding the timeline, Officer Combs explained to the Board that the regular Board Meeting for July would normally occur on July 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., which would be the evening of

the Election. She said the meeting needed to be moved to Friday, July 29th at 5:00 p.m.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. US STATE DEPARTMENT'S MEDIA CO-OP PROGRAM

Officer Combs gave the Board a copy of an email from Molly Boyle with the US State Department's Media Co-Op Program. The program provides grants to international TV stations to produce news stories. Ms. Boyle said a TV crew from Benin's Canal 3 would be coming to the US in July to produce stories about the election process in the US. Ms. Boyle is requesting permission to film a documentary about the voting and Election process in Fayette County during the Advance Voting for the 3rd District July 26, 2016 Run-off. She said this would be a 2 day filming project planned for Monday, July 11th and Tuesday, July 12th.

Officer Combs told the Board if they approve, it will be sent to Floyd Jones in the Board of Commissioner's office and then to County Administrator, Steve Rapson.

Member Lester said he has spoken to Chris Harvey, who is Elections Director for the Secretary of State, about this request. The decision was made to approve this request with no fee charges as long as the film crew adheres to limitations outlined in the Georgia Election Code 21-2-413. The plan would be for the film crew to remain strategically away from any voter so that privacy of their vote is maintained. It was agreed that voters would be made aware, with notices made public at the voting site, of why this film crew was filming on these 2 days.

Member Wright made the motion to accept this request to observe the voting process by the film crew, as long as no voting machines would directly be filmed, and that there would be no monetary charges for the filming project. Member Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Officer Combs told the Board the phone message for the Elections Department is in the process of being updated.

2. RELOCATION OF TYRONE'S EARLY VOTING SITE

Officer Crosby brought up the subject of possibly relocating Tyrone's Early Voting site. After brief discussion, the Board agreed this would not be the time to consider moving that location since the current location is working well.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alberta Lucas asked about the updating of the Elections Department website. Officer Combs said it is currently being worked on and will be updated soon.

Ms. Lucas then brought up the subject of poll watchers. She said she thought it would be helpful that poll watchers' badges have their name, the Precinct name, and the date of the Election printed on them. The consensus was this was a great idea and would be implemented.

G. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Officer Crosby gave the Board a copy of the poll workers for the July 26, 2016 Run-off.

Some discussion followed about the priority of getting the information updated on the website.

Member Lester made the motion to change the date of the next Board of Election meeting from July 26, 2016 to July 29, 2016. Member Wright seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

H. ADJOURNMENT

Member Lester made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Member Wright seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.