

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Darryl Hicks, Chairman  
Addison Lester  
Aaron Wright

## FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Floyd L. Jones, Elections Supervisor  
Leigh Combs, Elections Officer  
April Crosby, Elections Officer



140 Stonewall Avenue West  
Public Meeting Room  
Fayetteville, GA 30214

## ACTION AGENDA

February 21, 2017

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### Chairman to Call the Meeting to Order

Chairman Hicks called the February 21, 2017 Board of Elections meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Aaron Wright was not present for the meeting but was able to participate via Skype.

It is noted that all present in the meeting room were able to see and hear Mr. Wright via Skype, but that Mr. Wright was only able to hear the meeting. Mr. Wright did not vote during this meeting due to not being physically present at the meeting.

### Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Lester moved to approve the Agenda as published. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no member of the public in the meeting, therefore, no one spoke during Public Comments.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#### 1. Approval of the January 17, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Lester moved to approve the January 17, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting Minutes. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

#### 2. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Elector's List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as deceased.

There was no member of the public in attendance for the Public Hearing.

Mr. Lester noted that the deceased list was long.

Mr. Lester moved to approve staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Elector's List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as deceased. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

**3. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Elector's List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as felons.**

There was no member of the public in attendance for the Public Hearing.

Mr. Lester moved to approve staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Elector's List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as felons. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

There were no Consent Agenda items.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**4. Continued discussion concerning the wearing of political attire and campaigning at polling locations. This item was last discussed during the January 17, 2017 Board of Elections meeting.**

Assistant County Attorney Patrick Stough briefed the Board concerning the wearing of political attire and campaigning at polling locations.

The Board did not provide additional direction and did not vote on this matter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**5. Consideration of Resolution 2017-A establishing a referendum to be held on March 21, 2017 to submit to the voters of Fayette County the question of whether or not to impose a special local option sales tax of one percent within the special district encompassing Fayette County, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Commissioners.**

Mr. Lester moved to adopt Resolution 2017-A establishing a referendum to be held on March 21, 2017 to submit to the voters of Fayette County the question of whether or not to impose a special local option sales tax of one percent within the special district encompassing Fayette County, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

**6. Consideration of staff's request to appoint poll workers to the county's polling locations for the March 21, 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Referendum.**

Election Supervisor Floyd Jones briefed the Board on this matter and answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Lester moved to approve staff's request to appoint poll workers to the county's polling locations for the March 21, 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Referendum. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**Fayette County Face to Face:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones informed the Board that Saturday, April 22, 2017 is Earth Day and is also a day designated for Fayette Face-to-Face. He explained that Fayette Face-to-Face has occurred for about the past four years and it is an opportunity for the various county departments to go outside of their respective offices in an effort to meet the public and inform the public of their operations. He stated that both he and Elections Officer Leigh Combs would attend the

event, which would take place in the County Administrative Complex's parking lot, and that this would be a great time to register voters. Chairman Hicks asked if this was an all-day event. Mr. Jones replied it was not an all-day event but that it would likely begin around 10 a.m. and conclude around 2 or 3 p.m. (Note: It has been confirmed that the event begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m., however, set-up for the event will begin between 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.)

**GEMS Room:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones reminded the Board that Elections has approval from the Secretary of State's Office to move the GEMS Server from its current location into his office. He stated that it requires the support of Buildings and Grounds, and that Buildings and Grounds has given their support. He explained part of the support includes research from Building and Grounds to determine the budget to knock down walls, change doors, and other work. He said the department is also involved with other county projects while being short staffed, meaning that the work is dragging. Mr. Jones stated he attended training at Kennesaw State University last week and while there he met with an Information Technology member of the university. He reported that they agreed, based on the proximity of election and given drag from the Buildings and Grounds Department, to move the GEMS Server after the election is over. Mr. Wright stated that made sense.

**Comp and Class Study:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones reported that the Board had a chance to look at and review the Comp and Class Study. He stated that he incorporated the remarks made by the Board and that the study was turned into Human Resources earlier in the week.

**Training the Knights of Columbus:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones reported that the Knights of Columbus were scheduled to receive training in order to become deputy registrars, and that the training would take place on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. He reported that the Knights would then go to all the high schools to conduct voter registration drives, however, their effort would have to have the approval of the Superintendent of the Fayette County Board of Education.

**Voter Registration:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones reported that since the November 2016 Presidential Election, Elections Officer Leigh Combs and staff have received approximately 3,000 applications for voter registration. He explained that each application has to be evaluated due to people who are applying who are already registered, but as they are evaluated there are approximately 1,200 newly registered voters in Fayette County- averaging about 400 voters a month.

**Poll Worker Training:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones reported that at 6:00 p.m. following this meeting there would be a poll working training class.

**Early Voting:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones reported that the early election would begin on Monday, February 27, 2017.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

There was no Attorney's Report.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

**Potential Changes to the Elections Laws:** Mr. Wright acknowledged that he may have missed Mr. Stough's report on potential bills in the Georgia General Assembly. Mr. Stough replied that he was able to review the changes and found that the majority was housekeeping. Mr. Wright replied it seemed like housekeeping to him as well. It was discussed that there were changes on how to update voter registration. Elections Officer Leigh Combs gave clarity on current voter registration procedures. Mr. Stough briefed the Board on additional changes and offered to return at the March meeting to provide better detail to the Board. The Board agreed to that recommendation.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Lester moved to adjourn the February 21, 2017 Board of Elections meeting. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

The February 21, 2017 Board of Elections meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

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Floyd L. Jones, Elections Supervisor