

## 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

March 24, 2017  
3:00 p.m.

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Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Elections. Your participation is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

### Chairman to Call the Meeting to Order

Chairman Hicks called the March 24, 2017 Board of Elections meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. He stated that Mr. Wright was on the way to the meeting since he had been delayed in traffic.

### Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Lester moved to approve the Agenda as published. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright not present for the vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Hicks opened the floor for public comment. No one commented.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#### 1. Approval of the February 21, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Lester moved to approve the February 21, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting Minutes. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright not present for the vote.

### 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.

Chairman Hicks opened the floor for public hearing. No one spoke in favor or in opposition.

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 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright not present for the vote.

**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.**

Chairman Hicks opened the floor for public hearing. No one spoke in favor or in opposition.

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 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright not present for the vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**4. Continued review and discussion of potential changes in the State Elections laws. These changes were last discussed at the February 21, 2017 Board of Elections meeting.**

Mr. Davenport stated that one item was House Bill 268, which allows for various changes, still had not passed both "houses" completely. He explained one version had passed in the House and another version passed in the Senate so now the bill would go to committee to work the differences out.

Mr. Davenport further reported that House Bill 42 had passed in both the House and Senate and is currently waiting for the Governor's signature. He explained that House Bill 42 allowed the Elections Superintendent to make corrections to the ballot as well as other election matters.

Discussion followed concerning bumper stickers on vehicles at the polling places. Mr. Lester suggested that it should be conveyed to poll workers that their vehicles not have political stickers on them.

Chairman Hicks stated that the Board understood what the law read, but it was noted that there may be changes to the law that would affect this matter. Chairman Hicks stated that the Board would "hold" on this matter until there was any further development with the law. The Board did not provide further direction and did not make a motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**5. Certification of the March 21, 2017 Special Election results.**

The Board certified the election the March 21, 2017 Special Election. Mr. Lester moved to approve the certification of the special election results. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-1 with Mr. Wright not present for the vote.

Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones read into the record that the March 21, 2017 Special Election had 76,737 registered voters of which 8,427 (10.98%) cast a vote. He stated that the number of affirmative votes were 5,851 (69.51%) and the votes in opposition were 2,567 (30.49%). He concluded that the affirmative votes won and the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) initiative was approved.

Mr. Wright entered the meeting shortly after the vote to certify was taken.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**Fayette Face-to-Face:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones reminded the Board that Fayette County's Face-to-Face event will correspond with Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, 2017. He reminded the Board that both he and Leigh Combs will attend the event to register voters. He added that the County currently has 88,630 active and non-active voters out of an estimated population of 113,000 citizens.

**Fayette County Annual Retreat:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones informed the Board that the Board of Commissioners will hold its annual Retreat from Wednesday, May 3 through Thursday, May 4, 2017. He stated that the retreat will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will end each day around 5 p.m. He stated that everyone is welcome to attend.

**Georgia Elections Officials Association (GEOA) Conference:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones reported that the Georgia Elections Officials Association (GEOA) Conference is taking place from Sunday, May 7 through Wednesday, May 10, 2017 in Savannah. He reported that each board member and staff have reservations at the Savannah Marriot Riverfront and that itineraries and per diem checks will be provided near to date.

**Intergovernmental Agreements for Municipal Elections:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones reminded the Board that in January 2017, it approved five intergovernmental agreements to conduct municipal elections. He reported that the five agreements were sent to the municipalities and approved, and then, subsequently, were sent to the Board of Commissioners for approval. He reported that the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved each of the intergovernmental agreements on Thursday, March 23, 2017 enabling the county to conduct municipal elections.

**Fiscal Year 2018 Budget:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones informed the Board that the Fiscal Year 2018 budget is due to the County's Finance and Administration Departments by March 31, 2017. He stated that he had been working on the budget in conjunction with the election. He stated he would likely send an email to the Board providing it with the proposed budget and he would be glad to discuss the budget with the Board on a one-on-one basis.

**Compensation and Classification Study:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones stated that the Compensation and Classification study is currently with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG). He stated that the CVIOG is reviewing the proposals and will send a draft of their findings and recommendations back to the county in the near future. He stated that those drafts would be provided the Board of Elections for review and input.

**Acknowledgement of Staff and Departments:** Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones thanked staff for its work in getting the election completed. He said the work looked easy because of the staff at work. He further noted there were several departments that helped in the elections including Administration, Buildings and Grounds, the Recreation Department, Extension Office, Finance, the Sheriff's Office, Stormwater Management, poll managers, assistant managers, clerks, and the Technical Team. Mr. Jones named three people in the Building and Grounds Department- Josh Wilson, Troy Donaldson, and Neitrick Venson- who went above and beyond their work by helping move tables at a church in order to have a space for the voting machines and then put the tables back in place after the election was completed. The Board asked Mr. Jones to write County Administrator Steve Rapson and Building and Grounds Director Carlos Christian an email to thank them for the extra work they put in.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

There was no Attorney's Report.

## **BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

**Aaron Wright:** Mr. Wright apologized for being late to the meeting. He stated he was involved with a police sting and that, once the sting began, no one could leave. He emphasized that the sting was not on him

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Lester moved to adjourn the March 24, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The March 24, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

**POST-MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Alberta Lucas:** Ms. Lucas questioned whether information could be provided on poll watcher training and she questioned the status of precinct consolidation. The Board replied to her questions.

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Floyd L. Jones, Elections Supervisor