BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Darryl Hicks, Chairman Addison Lester Aaron Wright



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



140 Stonewall Avenue West Public Meeting Room Fayetteville, GA 30214

AGENDA

March 24, 2017 5:00 p.m.

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 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman to Call the Meeting to Order

Approval of the Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of the March 24, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting Minutes. (Pages 1-6)

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. (Pages 7-10)
- 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. (*Pages 11-12*)

CONSENT AGENDA:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Consideration of staff's research pertaining to the question of consolidating precincts in Fayette County. (Pages 13-65)

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE	04/25/2017	AGENDA ITEM #	Approval of Minutes #1							
PRESENTER(S)	Floyd L. Jones, Elections Supervisor									
TYPE OF REQUEST	Approval of Minutes									
WORDING FOR THE A	GENDA									
Approval of the March 24, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting Minutes.										
BACKGROUND / HISTO	DRY / DETAILS									
promptly recorded and so the agency or its commi- meeting; provided, howe of minutes, whether approximates of the members made, the identity of the of all votes. The name of be presumed that the ac-	ttee, but in no case later ever, that nothing contain proved by the agency or represent at the meeting, as person making and second each person voting for	en to public inspection of than immediately follow the in this chapter shall p not. Such minutes shall, description of each mo- onding the motion or oth or against a proposal sl by each person in atter	nce approved as official by ing its next regular prohibit the earlier release at a minimum, include the tion or other proposal ter proposal, and a record hall be recorded. It shall indance unless the minutes							
SPECIFIC ACTION / DI	RECTION SOUGHT									

Approve the February 21, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting Minutes.

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MINUTES

March 24, 2017 3:00 p.m.

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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. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

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. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

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.

Chairman Hicks asked County Attorney Dennis Davenport if there was any information he would like to add to the discussion held on February 21, 2017. Mr. Davenport replied that he was not at the last meeting so he had nothing to add. Chairman Hicks asked Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones if he had received any further information regarding the discussion held on February 21, 2017. Mr. Jones replied he had not received updated information.

Chairman Hicks stated that the conversation concluded at the last meeting that common sense needed to be utilized and that people should not wear campaign materials to the polls.

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.

Mr. Lester asked Mr. Jones if he had been able to reach out to other Elections Offices pertaining to how they handle political bumper stickers on cars within 150 feet of a polling location. Mr. Jones replied that he had reached out to some jurisdictions and that there was a mixed response. He reported there were some jurisdictions who were enforcing the bumper stickers while other jurisdictions are not enforcing them until someone makes them.

There was discussion about whether the 150 foot distance from the polling place extends into State Routes 54 and 85 and how to enforce bumper stickers on a state highway. Mr. Davenport stated that vehicles traveling on the road were not violating the spirit of the law since in that context the bumper stickers could be illegible. He stated the problem was when a message was being communicated.

Mr. Lester stated that a small bumper sticker was different than a large billboard display in the parking lot. He stated that the county did not have the resources to monitor bumper stickers in the parking lot. Mr. Davenport replied the county would have to find the resources if it is on the losing side of a lawsuit and if someone feels their election was swayed due to the

presence of bumper stickers in the parking lot. 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. A copy of this request, identified as "Attachment 3," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Chairman Hicks asked if certifying the election, in general, a confidential process. Mr. Davenport stated that in this instance he did not see a need for this to be a confidential process. Chairman Hicks stated that some of the issues addressed during certification concern people's address, should they have legitimately voted, are they registered to vote, and other private information. Mr. Davenport stated that the provisional ballots that identify where a voter lives or how they voted would be confidential. Chairman Hicks asked if those types of issues were discussed would this be a closed meeting. Mr. Davenport stated that he has limited options for allowing closed meetings. He presumed that since confidential information is being discussed that it could be a matter of threatened litigation- allowing for a closed meeting- but he stated he would want to discuss the matter ahead of time to ensure the meeting could be closed.

Chairman Hicks stated that there was no personal information being discussed at this particular meeting, but he wanted to ensure the Board was in compliance of the Open Records Act while protecting the privacy of the citizens.

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 which8,427 (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. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

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 stated there was poll worker training for the election last fall. She asked if the Board of Elections could compose a short outline for poll worker training that would place stress on the do's and do not's. Mrs. Lucas then corrected her comments asking that information on poll watchers- not poll workers- be made available. Chairman Hicks replied that the political parties provide that information and that the Elections Office could provide information to the parties. Mr. Wright added that information was provided to the Republican Party back in November but that the information could be sent again. Mr. Wright replied that information is on the Secretary of State's website and that a link could be placed on the county's website forwarding to the Secretary of State's website. Ms. Lucas then asked how the plans are coming for precinct consolidation. Chairman Hicks replied that the process is in its beginning stages and that staff has been asked to provide documentation on where it is and the cost. He said the Board would evaluate the impact in deciding if it wanted to move in that direction. Mrs. Lucas asked if there would be a problem using churches and schools. Chairman Hicks replied that the Elections Office has to have the permission of the churches to use the churches, and he mentioned that the schools are concerned about the safety aspect. He said if he had to guess, if other locations could be found, then the Board would likely not use the schools.

Floyd L. Jones, Elections Supervisor	Darryl Hicks, Chairman
The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official method the 25th day of April 2017. Referenced attachments are a	eeting of the Board of Elections of Fayette County, Georgia, held vailable upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE	04/25/2017	AGENDA ITEM #	Public Hearing #2
PRESENTER(S)	Leigh Combs, Elec	tions Officer	
TYPE OF REQUEST	Public Hearing		

WORDING FOR THE AGENDA

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.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY / DETAILS

O.C.G.A. 21-2-228(d) and 21-2-231 provide instructions pertaining to the removal of registered voters from an Electors List.

The Secretary of State's Office provides monthly reports to county offices detailing deceased voters. This request is based the information provided from the Secretary of State's Office. Families are notified by an official letter informing them of the removal of these electors.

Each person in question have been notified of this meeting via first-class mail as required by law.

SPECIFIC ACTION / DIRECTION SOUGHT

Conduct Public Hearing on 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.

GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM CANCELLED/DECEASED VOTERS

Cancelled Date	Status with Reason	Last Name	First Name	Suffix	Race	Gender	Residence Address	Voter Registration #
03/19/2017	Cancelled Deceased	BROWN	MAYNARD		Unknown	MALE	297 EBENEZER RD FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 4818	00085784
03/19/2017	Cancelled Deceased	ARNOLD	BOBBY		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	206 HILO RD FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 2402	05053571
03/19/2017	Cancelled Deceased	BOST	EVELYN		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	125 TURNBERRY CIR FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 2757	00100048
03/19/2017	Cancelled Deceased	HAWKINS	EDGAR		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	1015 OLD GREENVILLE RD FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 7044	07574788
03/19/2017	Cancelled Deceased	HOWARD	LEONARD		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	119 FERNWAY DR FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 1215	00089583
03/19/2017	Cancelled Deceased	MCPHERSON	DONALD		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	206 MASTERS DR S PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269	00499778
03/20/2017	Cancelled Deceased	OKANE	JOHN		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	505 HASTINGS DR PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269	10238165
03/20/2017	Cancelled Deceased	OKANE	JOHN		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	505 HASTINGS DR PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269	06215362
03/20/2017	Cancelled Deceased	WILLIAMS	INKA		Unknown	FEMALE	3503 COBBLESTONE BLVD FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 7313	07263634
03/20/2017	Cancelled Deceased	COOPER	RYAN		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	1000 STEVENS ENTRY APT A114 PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269	06420321
03/26/2017	Cancelled Deceased	CASAVAN	SUSAN		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	130 RIVEROAK DR FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 5840	01780345
03/26/2017	Cancelled Deceased	HARRIS	JOE		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	120 WOODSTREAM WAY FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 2487	03551420
03/26/2017	Cancelled Deceased	PREININGER	FRANK		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	207 CALGARY DR PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269-2746	00105437
03/26/2017	Cancelled Deceased	ROACH	WINNIE		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	329 BROGDON RD FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 3836	00093365
03/26/2017	Cancelled Deceased	ROBBINS	TOMMIE		Black not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	906 KITE LAKE TRL FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214	01756165
03/26/2017	Cancelled Deceased	RYAN	ELEANOR		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	1401 YARBOROUGH DR PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269-3617	00119331
03/26/2017	Cancelled Deceased	WILLIAMS	JAMES		Black not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	1000 NEWGATE RD APT 330 PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269	01742638
03/26/2017	Cancelled Deceased	WOOD	GRACE		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	2313 APPLEGATE LN PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269-2980	00113192
03/28/2017	Cancelled Deceased	CODY	RONALD		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	450 BELLE DR FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 2703	08106504
03/28/2017	Cancelled Deceased	KATROSH	JOSEPHINE		Unknown	FEMALE	201 CROSSTOWN DR UNIT 2059 PEACHTREE CITY GA	08918404
04/02/2017	Cancelled Deceased	AKINS	MARVIN		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	30269-3465 406 GOZA RD FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215-	00097095
04/02/2017	Cancelled Deceased	ARSENAULT	THOMAS		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	5744 58 DOVER TRL PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269-1452	06205429
04/02/2017	Cancelled Deceased	BOLLINGER	NANCY		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	442 PLANTAIN TER PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269-4025	05329839
04/02/2017	Cancelled Deceased	GRAY	MARY		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	201 CROSSTOWN DR APT 3019 PEACHTREE CITY GA	05229051
							30269	

GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM CANCELLED/DECEASED VOTERS

Cancelled Date	Status with	Last Name	First Name	Suffix	Race	Gender	Residence Address	Voter Registration #
04/02/2017	Reason Cancelled	GRAY	First Name YVONNE	Julia	White not of Hispanic		568 SANDY CREEK RD B	05325083
	Deceased Cancelled				Origin		FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214	
04/02/2017	Deceased	KLEIN	RICHARD		White not of Hispanic Origin	IVIALE	827 SOUTHERN SHORE DR	03034846
							PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269-3277	
04/02/2017	Cancelled Deceased	MUNCHER	BETTY		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	295 CLOVERWOOD DR FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 8206	00097044
04/02/2017	Cancelled Deceased	DAUGHRITY	DARRYL		Black not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	315 LEE ST FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214	04239689
04/03/2017	Cancelled Deceased	DONAHUE	JOSEPH		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	107 SEA ISLAND DR PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269-4200	08045415
04/03/2017	Cancelled Deceased	DOUGLAS	LANA		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	2025 VILLAGE PARK DR PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269	10135861
04/03/2017	Cancelled Deceased	DOUGLAS	LANA		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	2025 VILLAGE PARK DR PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269	03448955
04/03/2017	Cancelled Deceased	INGRAHAM	DAVID		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	1512 HIGHWAY 54 W LOT 49A	10612647
04/03/2017	Cancelled Deceased	MURPHY	ROBERT		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214 165 TARRAGON DR FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 6518	07511448
04/04/2017	Cancelled Deceased	ARD	LILLIE		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	1698 HIGHWAY 85 S FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 2705	00084641
04/04/2017	Cancelled Deceased	BENSON	KATHIE		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	105 MONTEREY DR PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269-3811	00105805
04/04/2017	Cancelled Deceased	BROOKS	RONALD		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	335 PLANTATION CIR FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 5406	00085711
04/04/2017	Cancelled Deceased	CAMPBELL	ARMEDA		Black not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	151 WISDOM RD PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269	10987151
04/04/2017	Cancelled Deceased	CHILDERS	LOLA		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	145 JERICHO LN FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 5709	00086435
04/04/2017	Cancelled Deceased	DUNSON	POLLY		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	190 FENWYCK COMMONS FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 1769	06363374
04/04/2017	Cancelled Deceased	FARRELL	WILLIAM		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	201 CROSSTOWN DR APT 1016 PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269	10315266
04/06/2017	Cancelled Deceased	HALSTEAD	ANTHONY		Black not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	225 CHADMORE LN TYRONE GA 30290-1572	06589790
04/06/2017	Cancelled Deceased	HEATON	JACOB		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	114 LEES LAKE RD FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 3163	00097335
04/06/2017	Cancelled Deceased	HILL	MARY		Unknown	FEMALE	105 AUTUMN GLEN CIR APT113 FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215	11177020
04/06/2017	Cancelled Deceased	HOLCOMB	RICHARD		Unknown	MALE	315 WESTBRIDGE RD FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 4916	08384161
04/06/2017	Cancelled Deceased	JONES	CHARLES		Unknown	MALE	1512 HIGHWAY 54 W LOT 361C FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214	08310887
04/10/2017	Cancelled Deceased	NICKS	PHYLLIS		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	115 SABRE LN FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 5138	07029273
04/10/2017	Cancelled Deceased	NATION	PAMELA		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	145 BERKLEY PL FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 3720	00101976
04/10/2017	Cancelled Deceased	NORFLEET	EVEYLENE		Black not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	120 N FAYETTE CT FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 3426	07780219
04/10/2017	Cancelled Deceased	PADGETT	NANNAH		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	24 PERTHSHIRE DR PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269-1421	00092442
04/10/2017	Cancelled Deceased	PAGE	ROBERT		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	175 DRIFTWOOD TRL FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 7605	05383302

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Cancelled Date	Status with Reason	Last Name	First Name	Suffix	Race	Gender	Residence Address	Voter Registration #
04/10/2017	Cancelled Deceased	PAGE	WILLIAM		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	224 CEDAR TRL JONESBORO GA 30238- 6320	06203126
04/10/2017	Cancelled Deceased	PAIGE	JOE		Black not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	100 SAVANNAH CT FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 1237	01736363
04/10/2017	Cancelled Deceased	RAWSON	SHERRI		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	160 GREENVIEW BLVD FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 2525	04015186
04/10/2017	Cancelled Deceased	SAPP	ROBIN		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	319 PORTER RD FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215	00098468
04/10/2017	Cancelled Deceased	SIMPSON	JUNE		Black not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	145 OAKVIEW TRCE FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 6847	02508877
04/10/2017	Cancelled Deceased	SINKFIELD	KESHIA		Black not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	616 INMAN RD D FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 5545	07827461
04/11/2017	Cancelled Deceased	SOTO	GEORGE	SR	White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	335 GRANDCHESTER WAY FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215	10913143
04/11/2017	Cancelled Deceased	STEADMAN	PAUL		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	135 SHORELINE DR FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215	00100907
04/11/2017	Cancelled Deceased	TURNER	JOHN		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	155 OLD MAGNOLIA LN FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 4768	00122862
04/11/2017	Cancelled Deceased	WILLIFORD	CHARLES		White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	322 KELLEY RD BROOKS GA 30205-1726	01734057
04/17/2017	Cancelled Deceased	BARNES- LANDRUM	JODY		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	130 AZALEA DR PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269-2003	03768676
04/17/2017	Cancelled Deceased	EARNEST	KAREN		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	195 HILLSDALE DR FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 1447	06416926
04/17/2017	Cancelled Deceased	GILES	ARLEENE		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	100 PALE IVY PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269-3415	00122993
04/17/2017	Cancelled Deceased	GRENTZ	PATRICIA		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	671 GINGER CAKE RD FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 1045	07028904
04/17/2017	Cancelled Deceased	TERIBURY	FLORA ELIZABETH		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	110 ROLLINGBROOK TRL TYRONE GA 30290-9721	00094857
04/18/2017	Cancelled Deceased	BAKER	PEGGY		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	1000 NEWGATE RD UNIT 115 PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269	00084833
04/18/2017	Cancelled Deceased	BAKER	PEGGY		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	1000 NEWGATE RD UNIT 115 PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269	10223496
04/18/2017	Cancelled Deceased	COTTON	BILLY		Unknown	MALE	450 S PEACHTREE PKWY T201 PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269-6843	07545153
04/18/2017	Cancelled Deceased	HILL	MARY		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	1211 REDWINE RD FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215- 2317	03938974

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE	04/25/2017	AGENDA ITEM #	Public Hearing #3
PRESENTER(S)	Leigh Combs, Elec	tions Officer	
TYPE OF REQUEST	Public Hearing		

WORDING FOR THE AGENDA

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.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY / DETAILS

O.C.G.A. 21-2-228(d) and 21-2-231 provide instructions pertaining to the removal of registered voters from an Electors List.

The Secretary of State's Office provides monthly reports to county offices detailing registered felons. This request is based the information provided from the Secretary of State's Office. Families are notified by an official letter informing them of the removal of these electors.

Each person in question has been notified of this meeting via first-class mail as required by law.

SPECIFIC ACTION / DIRECTION SOUGHT

Conduct Public Hearing on 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.

GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM CANCELLED/FELON VOTERS

Cancelled Date	Status with Reason	Last Name	First Name	Suffix	Race	Gender	Residence Address	Voter Registration #
03/21/2017	Cancelled Duplicate	ROWLAND	JESSICA		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	170 N FAYETTE DR FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214	10978642
03/28/2017	Cancelled Duplicate	SAVAGE	JOYCELYN		White not of Hispanic Origin	FEMALE	150 ZELKOVA DR FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215	11211585
03/30/2017	Cancelled Felon	WEST	PATRICK	JR	White not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	188 BANKS RD FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214- 1319	08672930
04/04/2017	Cancelled Duplicate	AYUK	TAMBE		Black not of Hispanic Origin	MALE	550 EMERALD LAKE DR FAYETTEVILLE GA 30215	11256044

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE	04/25/2017 AGENDA ITEM #	New Business #4
PRESENTER(S)	Floyd L. Jones, Elections Supervisor	
TYPE OF REQUEST	New Business	

WORDING FOR THE AGENDA

Consideration of staff's research pertaining to the question of consolidating precincts in Fayette County.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY / DETAILS

Fayette County has 36 voting precincts. The precincts were enacted in 1998 during a time when early election was not as available to the voters as it currently is.

Discussions to consolidate precincts have been held in the past concerning whether precincts should be consolidated. That discussion was revived in January 2017.

The following information is a result of staff's research into the question of whether or not to consolidate precincts.

SPECIFIC ACTION / DIRECTION SOUGHT

No specific action is requested. Staff seeks Board direction on whether or not to proceed with the consolidation effort.

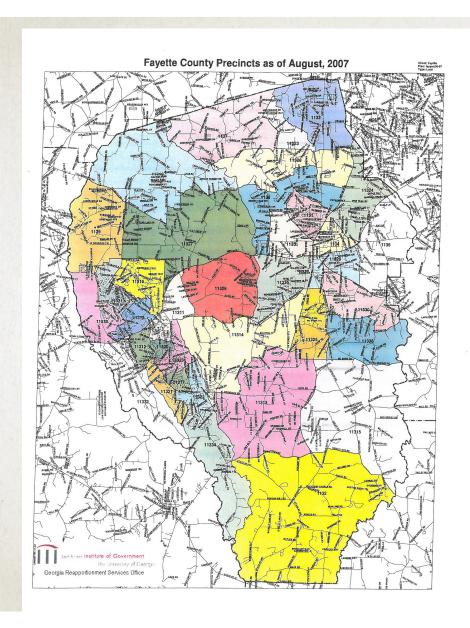
CONSOLIDATING PRECINCTS

AN OVERVIEW

CONSOLIDATING PRECINCTS: AN OVERVIEW

- Today in History
- Proximities of Polling Locations
- Trends
- The Cost of Doing Business
- Legal Requirements for Consolidation
- Pros: Why precincts should be consolidated
- Cons: Why precincts should not be consolidated
- Recommendations and Conclusions





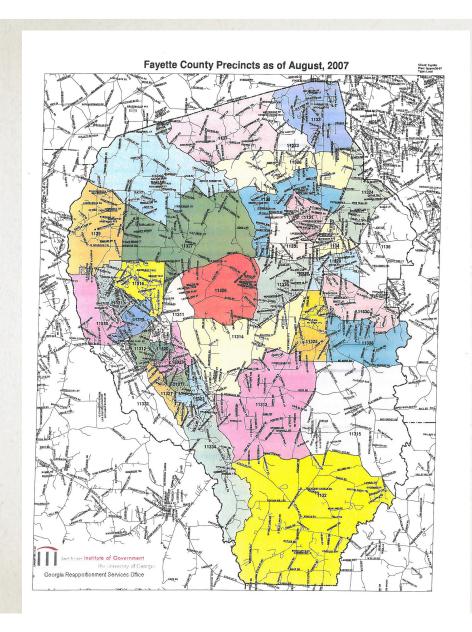
Fayette County currently has 36 Precincts

The 36 Precincts became effective on January 1, 1998

The Precincts have remained unaltered for 19 years

In the mid-to-late 1990s, Fayette County was experiencing significant growth resulting in greater numbers of registered voters. The 36 Precincts anticipated continued growth into the future.

From the year 2000 through 2010, Fayette County's average annual growth was 1.62%.

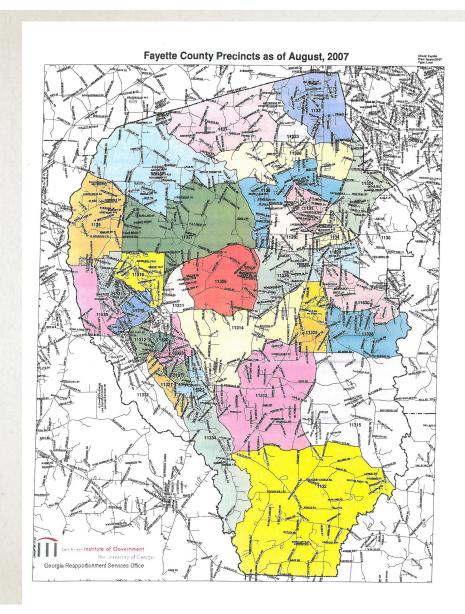


Fayette County's annual average growth slowed from the year 2011 through 2017 to 0.9 %. The latest estimated population for Fayette County is 112,972.

Absentee by mail voting without need to provide a reason or excuse became effective May 2008.

Saturday voting during Advanced Voting became effective in 2014.

Fayette County has 88,653 registered voters as of April 18, 2017.



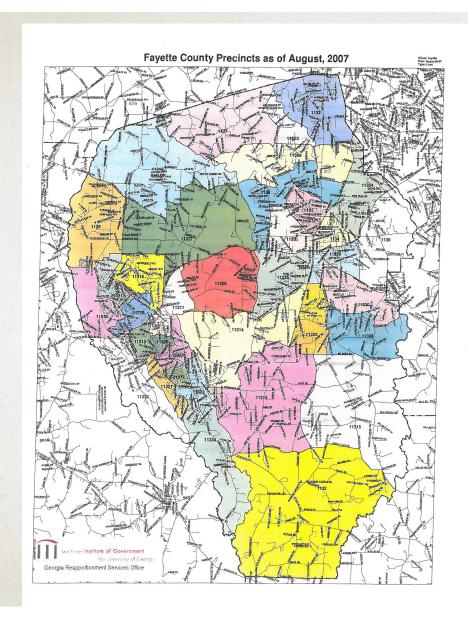
During the February 28, 2012 Board of Elections meeting, there was discussion about consolidating the precincts.

Former Board Member Marilyn Watts suggested consolidating the precincts since a map in Peachtree City showed some the precincts right on top of each other.

Ms. Watts suggested this would allow for the use of the same clerks for possible multiple precincts and would certainly save money.

Board Member Darryl Hicks mentioned that if people are going to come and vote then the County has to pay for it. He cautioned that "if you are too frugal up front, it may cost you more on the back end with bad publicity. You also don't want to be so elaborate on the front end either."

The minutes do not reflect further discussion about for the remainder of 2012.



On January 22, 2013, Board Member Watts brought up the topic of consolidating precincts by suggesting a Board workshop to analyze which precincts to consolidate. She suggested that over 50% of the people vote early meaning "we don't need as much staff in the precincts."

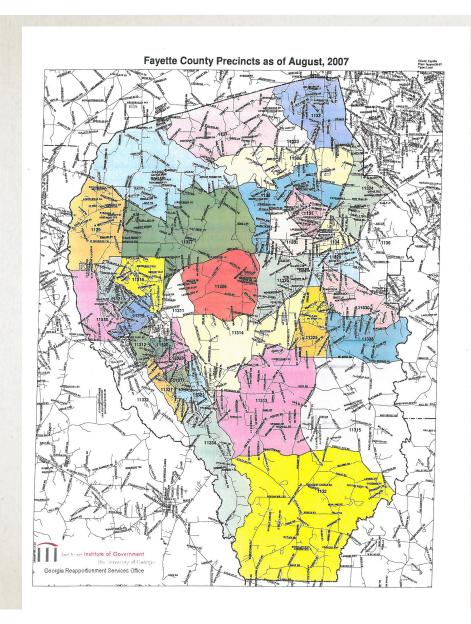
Chairman Addison Lester stated the effort should be done before the 2014 election.

The minutes indicate that Election Supervisor Tom Sawyer was "doing some research on this with the GIS department."

Discussion further involved consolidating precinct lines for the cities as well as possibly opening more early voting sites for the next presidential election.

Mr. Sawyer explained the legalities involving consolidation.

The Board consented to have the work completed by end of year. It was noted there were 84,000 active and inactive voters.



On February 26, 2013, Supervisor Tom Sawyer informed the Board of Elections that "this office had gone to a meeting in 2010 where Nancy Boren, from Muscogee County, had made a presentation on how they went about reducing the number of precincts in their county. They went from 48 [precincts] to 28 [precincts]. He passed out information on how this county went about the reduction of precincts."

Approximately four months later, on June 25, 2013, after meeting with Attorney Dennis Davenport and Attorney Ann Lewis, Chairman Lester stated that the plans for redrawing the precinct lines "will now be on hold until we see the outcome of the lawsuit."

Mr. Sawyer also advised that the "19 voting precincts, that the Board of Elections recently drew, will probably have to be redrawn."

There was no further Board discussion of consolidation for over two years.

Sources: February 26, 2013 BOE Minutes, page 4 and June 25, 2013 BOE Minutes, page 3.

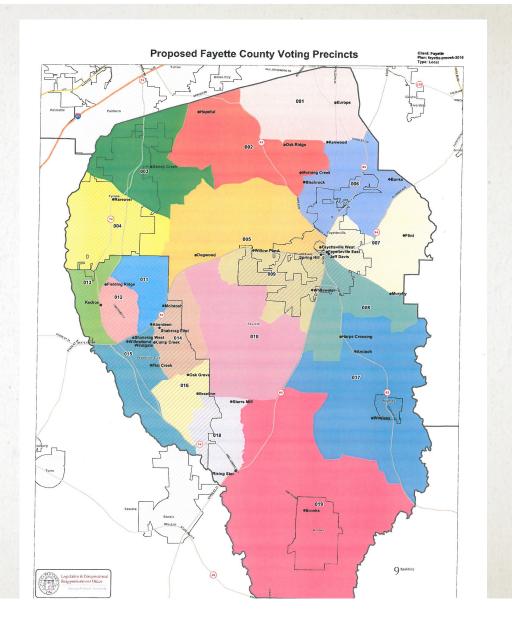
In 2014, Mr. Sawyer contacted the State of Georgia's Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office pertaining to the possible consolidation of precincts.

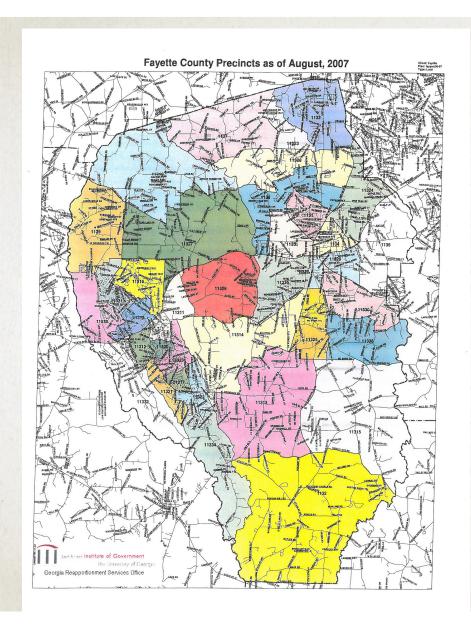
This meeting resulted in a map with proposed consolidations of precincts.

In 2016, Elections Officer Leigh Combs and Elections Clerk Karen Hunter returned to the Reapportionment Office to continue the discussion.

Minor adjustments were made to the 2014 map based on population and demographics.

The displayed map is the result of the 2016 meeting.



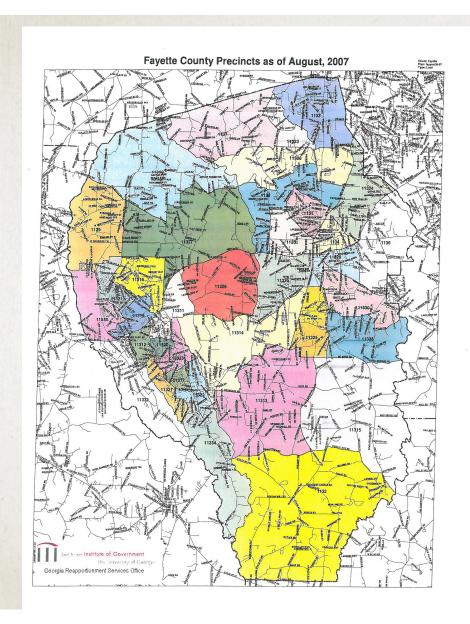


During the September 22, 2015, Board of Elections meeting, Chairman Marilyn Watts stated that the Board "has wanted to consolidate precincts but there is difficulty in finding public polling places that meet the criteria needed."

Board Member Addison Lester said that "since many people are now voting early, reducing the number of precincts would be practical."

Chairman Watts replied there "will be public hearings" on this before any changes are implemented.

Source: September 22, 2015 BOE Minutes, page 5.



On January 17, 2017, Board Member Addison Lester asked "what the work plan for redrawing the precinct lines was."

Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones replied "that the issue had not been on the top of his agenda since he was still somewhat getting in the door." He added he has some thoughts on the matter and would be glad to discuss them with the Board members.

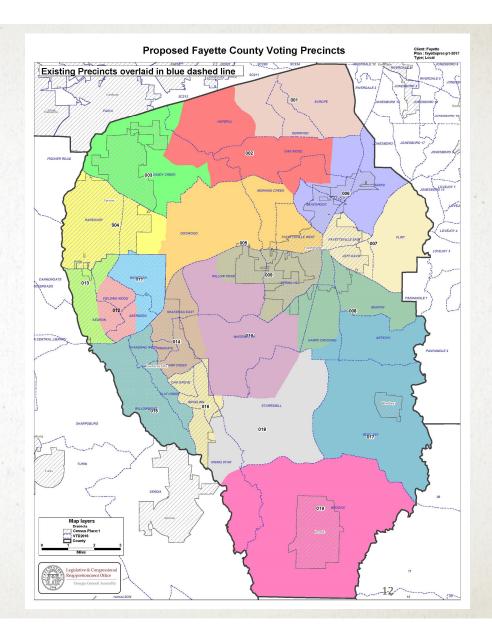
Chairman Hicks suggested pulling out some information on the precincts. Mr. Jones suggested this issue could be brought back roughly in March."

Source: January 17, 2017 BOE Minutes, page 8.

In 2017, Elections Staff revisited the State's Reapportionment Office.

The purpose was to obtain new proposed maps that are in concert with the 2016 Districts and would require fewer district combos.

The latest map with proposed precincts is provided to the right of this page.



REASONS AND CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR CONSOLIDATING PRECINCTS

- Precincts are "on top of each other"
- Use the same clerks for possible multiple precincts resulting in cost reduction / savings
- 50% of voters vote early meaning there is not a need for large staffing
- There may be a greater cost with bad publicity than any savings that may be monetarily experienced.
- There is difficulty finding public polling places that meet criteria.

PROXIMITIES OF THE POLLING LOCATIONS



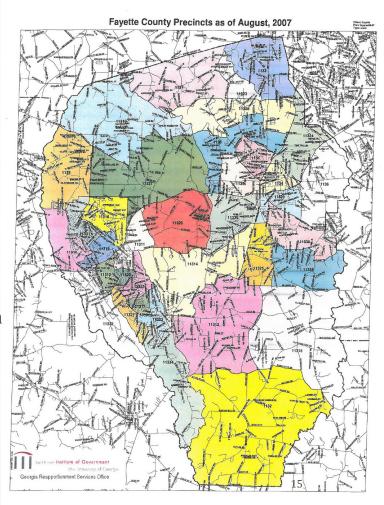
Distance to Current Polling Locations

Currently, Fayette County has 35 polling locations available to it since Precincts 20 and 33 share the same polling location.

The average distance from the furthest point of any precinct to its designated polling location is 3.43 miles.

Precinct 14 (Whitewater) has the longest distance to travel from its furthermost point to its polling location at 6.1 miles.

Precinct 31 (Fielding Ridge) has the shortest distance to travel from its furthermost point to its polling location at 1.3 miles.

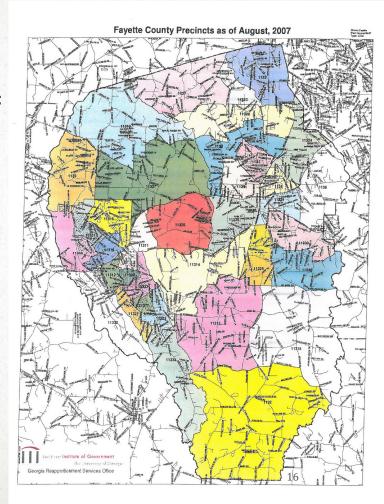


Current Polling Places are in Near Proximity to Each Other

Many of Fayette County's current polling locations are in near proximity to each other.

The following is the distances between the current polling locations:

- a) Willowpond to Spring Hill is 3 miles.
- b) Harps Crossing to Whitewater is 2.9 miles.
- c) Dogwood to Willowpond is 2.5 miles.
- d) Willowbend to Windgate is 2.4 miles.
- e) Braelinn to Starrs Mill is 2.3 miles.
- f) Europe to Kenwood is 1.9 miles.
- g) Oak Ridge to Kenwood is 1.8 miles.
- h) Camp Creek to Flat Creek is 1.5 miles.
- i) Kedron to Fielding Ridge is 1 mile.
- j) Oak Grove to Braelinn is 1 mile.
- k) Morning Creek to Blackrock is 0.7 mile.
- l) Fayetteville West to Fayetteville East is 0.5 mile.
- m) Shakerag West to Willowbend is 0.1 mile.
- n) Fayetteville East to Jeff Davis is 0.1 mile.



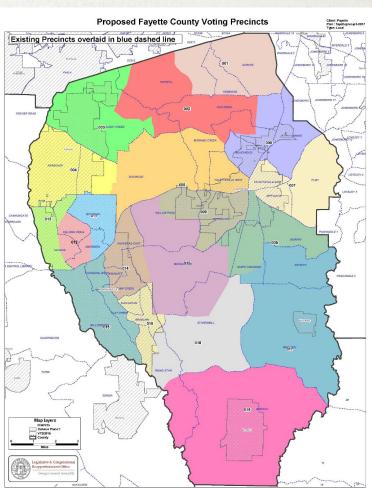
Distance to Potential Polling Locations

At this early stage, there are *no certain polling locations* available for precincts 13 (Kedron), 16 (Braelinn / Oak Grove) and 18 (Starrs Mill) given this possible consolidation.

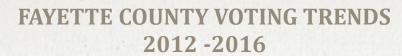
The average estimated distance from the furthest point of any precinct to proposed precinct locations is 4.19 miles.

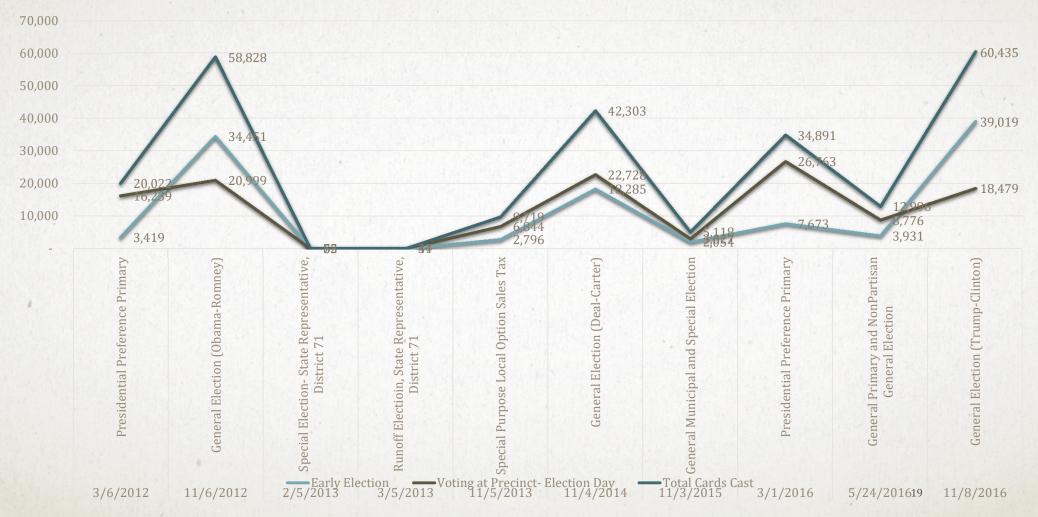
Precinct 19 (Brooks) would have the longest estimated distance to travel from its furthermost point to its proposed polling location at 6.5 miles.

Precinct 12 (Fielding Ridge) may have the shortest estimated distance to travel from its furthermost point to its proposed polling location at 2.8 miles.









QUICK FACTS

The average number of voters per current precincts is 2,090

Precinct 23 (Kenwood) has the lowest number of registered voters at 865

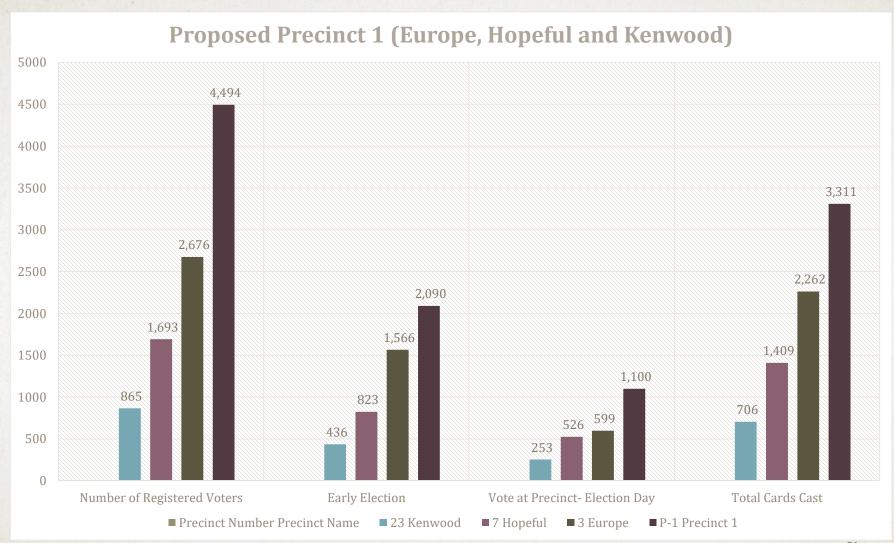
Precinct 10 (Sandy Creek) has the highest number of registered voters at 3,600

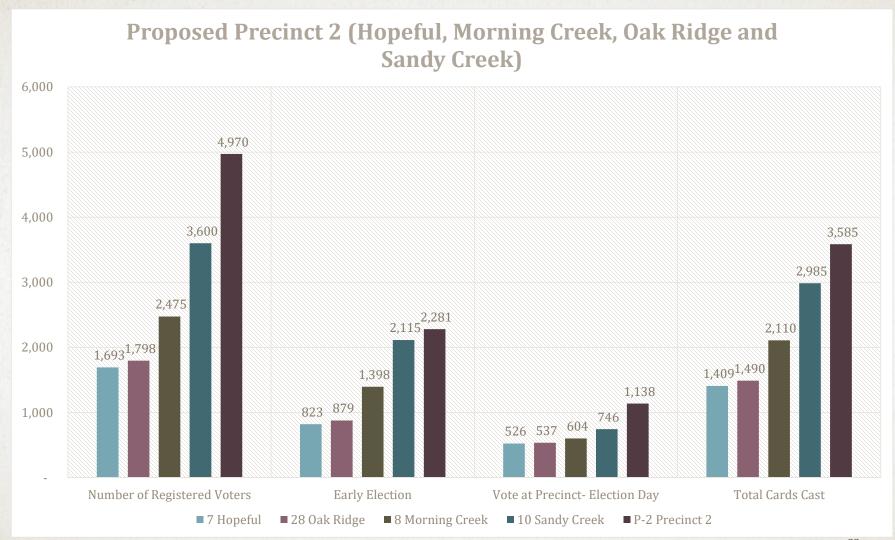
CONSOLIDATING PRECINCTS WOULD CHANGE THE NUMBERS OF REGISTERED VOTERS PER PRECINCT

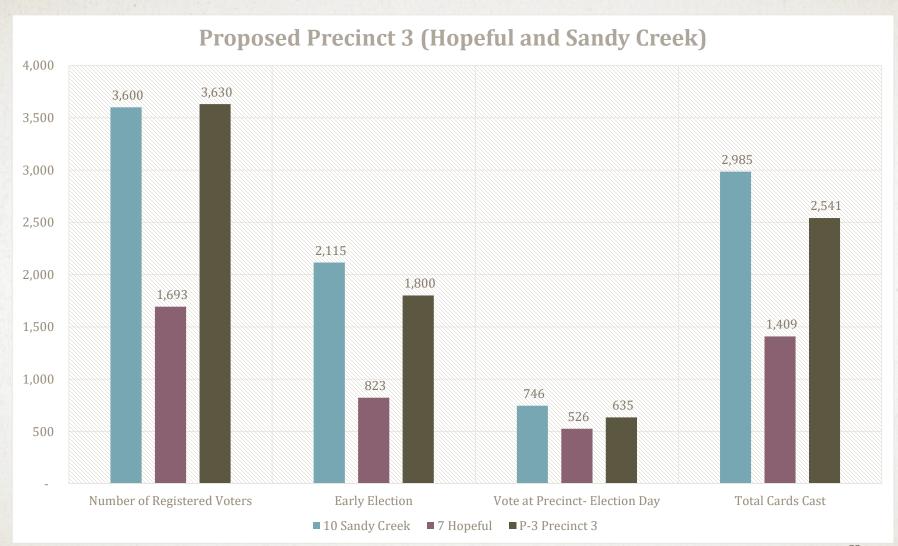
The average number of registered voters per consolidated precincts is 4,595, representing a 45% increase

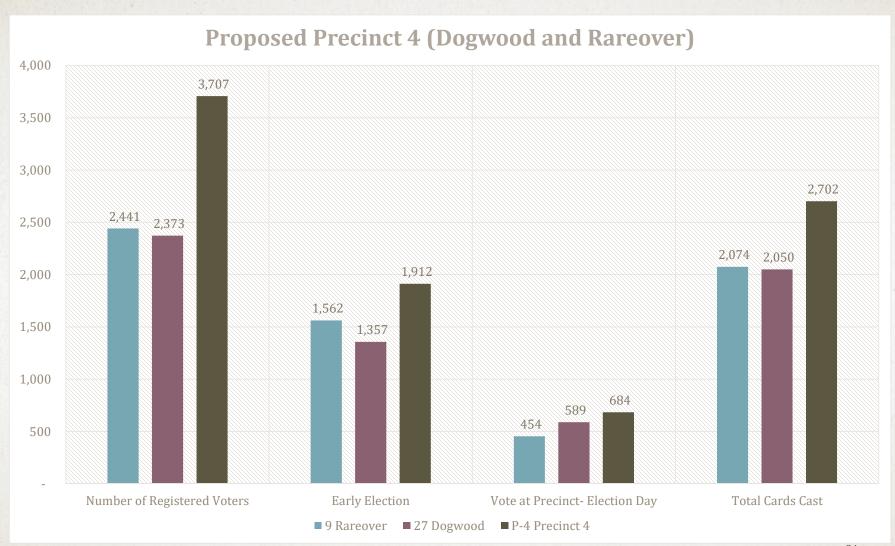
Proposed Precinct 19 (Brooks and Rising Starr) would have the lowest number of registered voters at 2,796

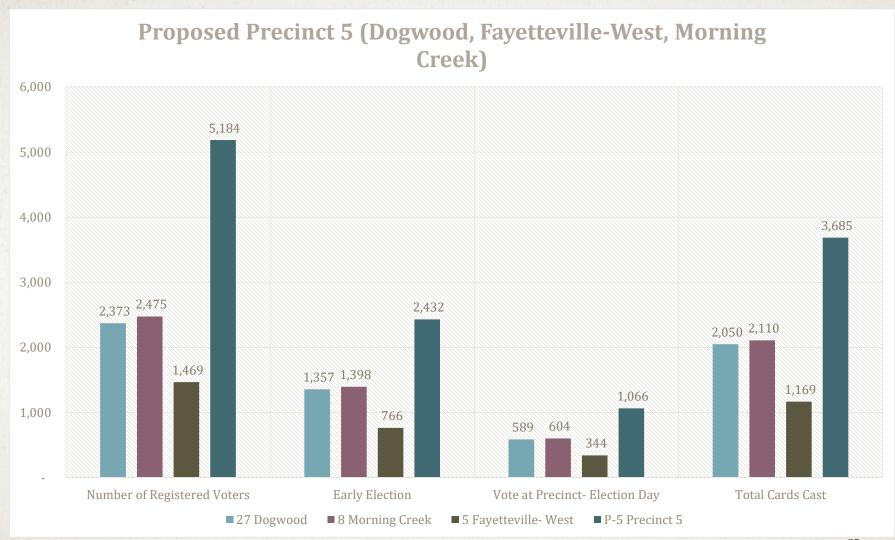
Proposed Precinct 16 (Braelinn, Oak Grove and Rising Starr) would have the highest number of registered voters at 5,687

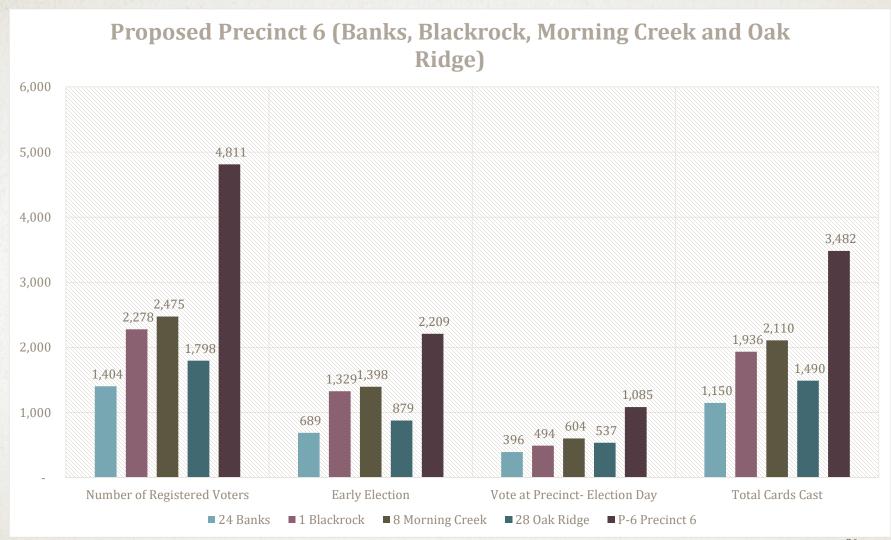


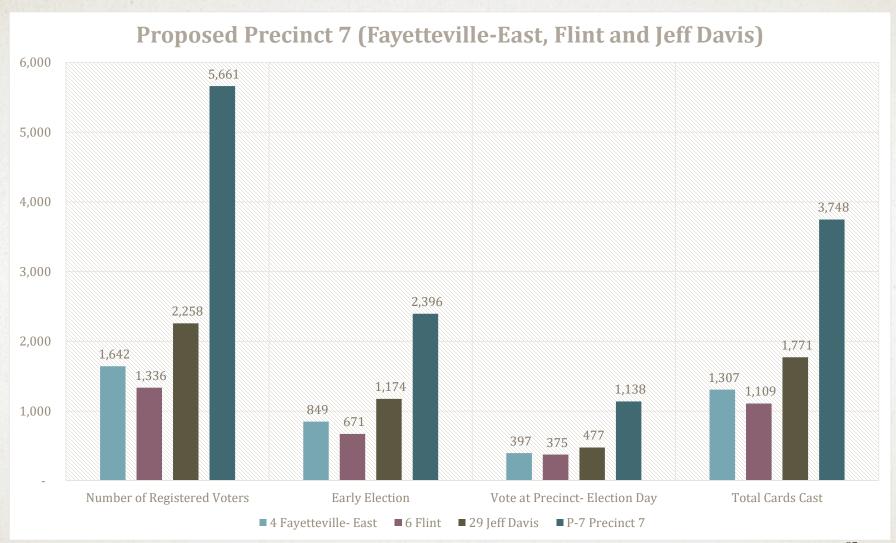


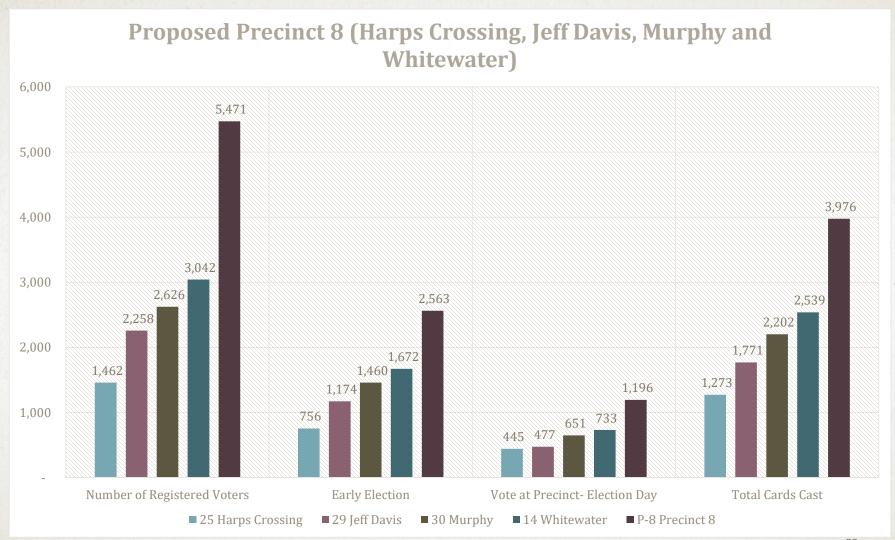


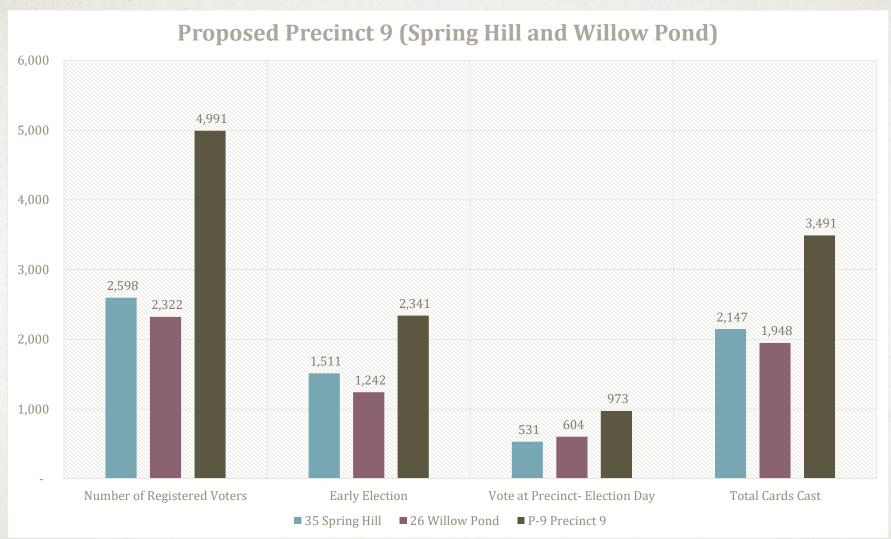


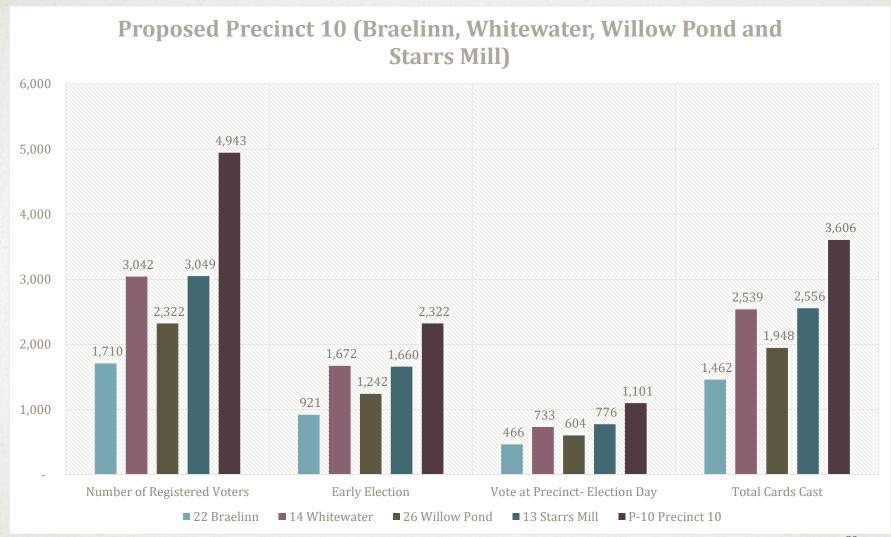


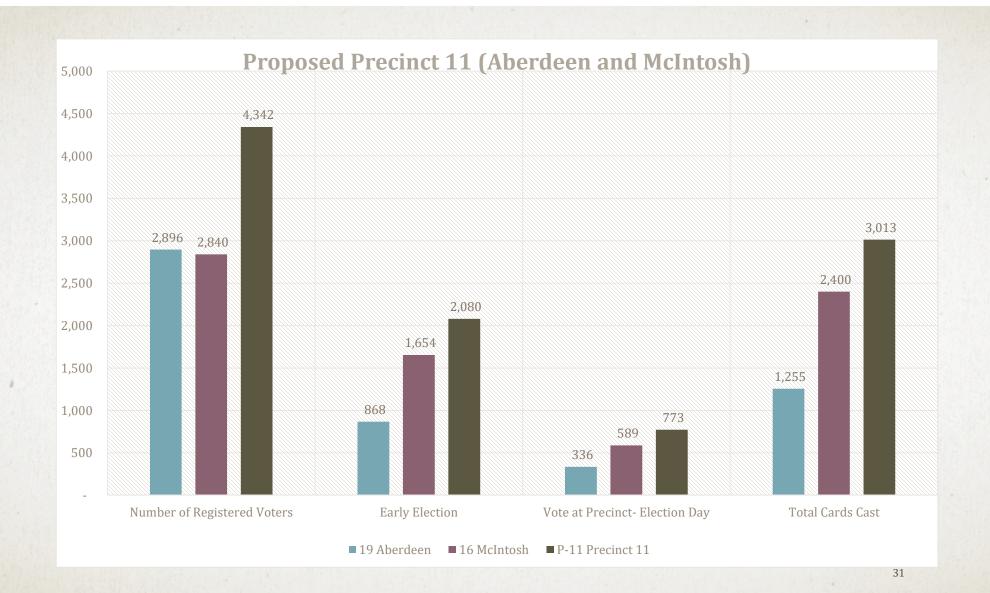


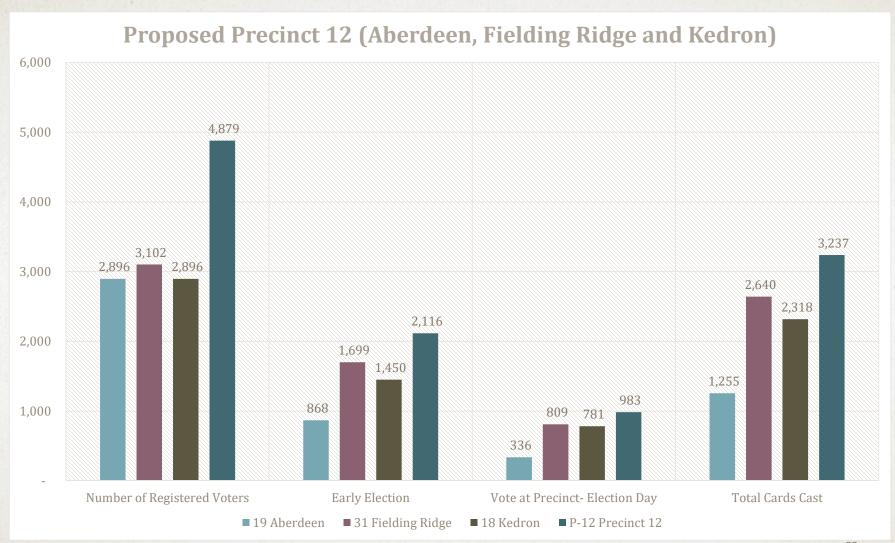


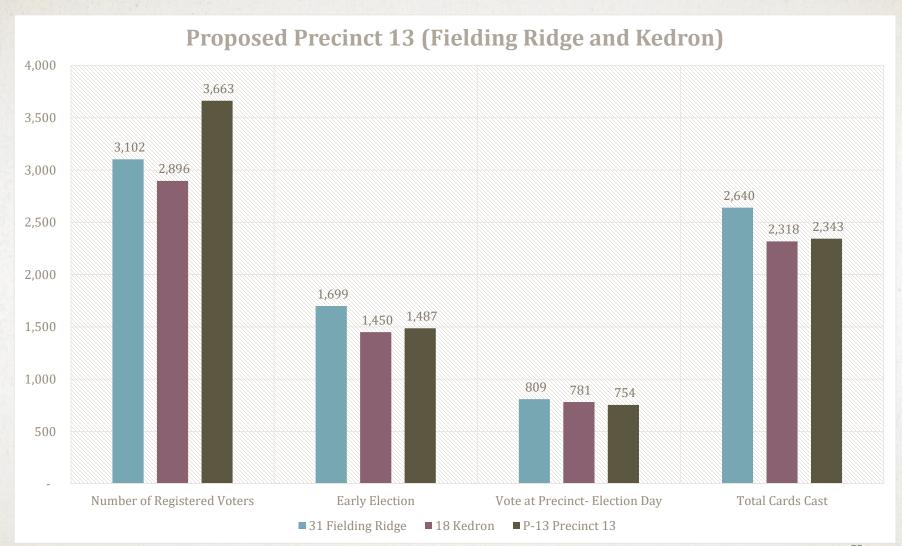


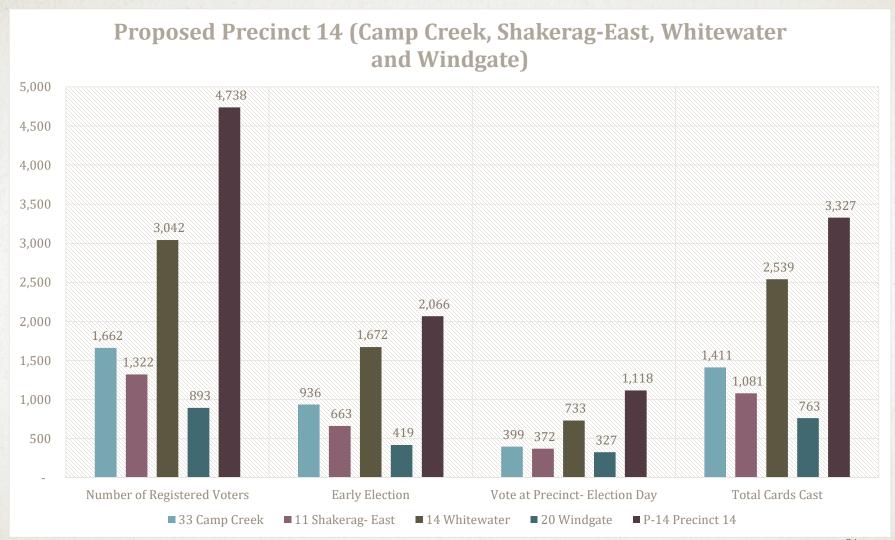


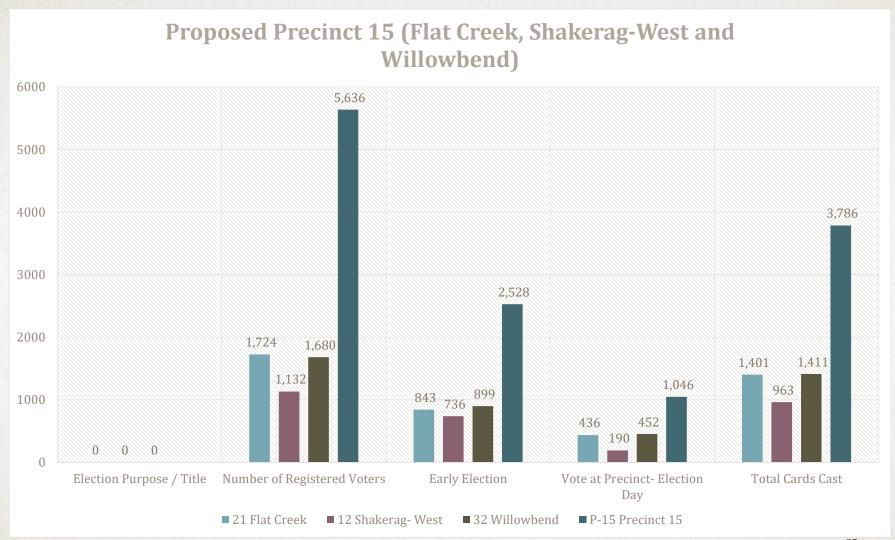


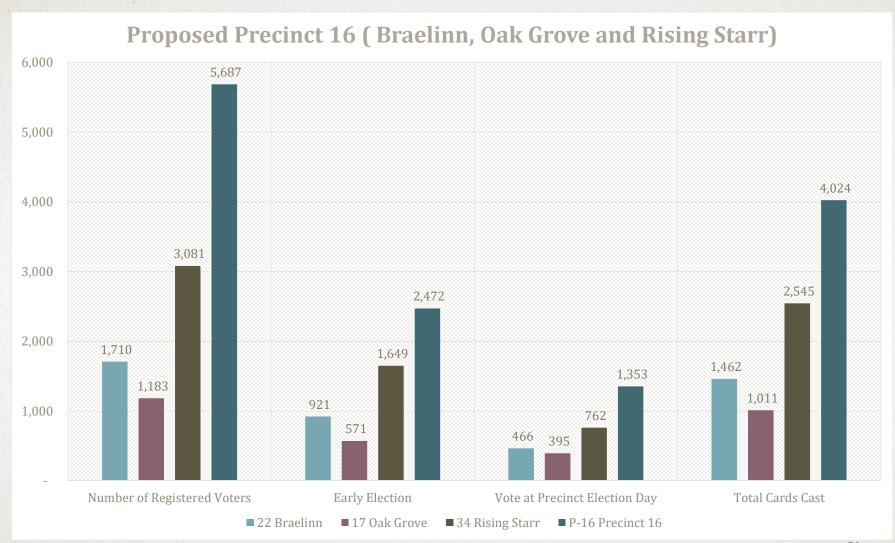


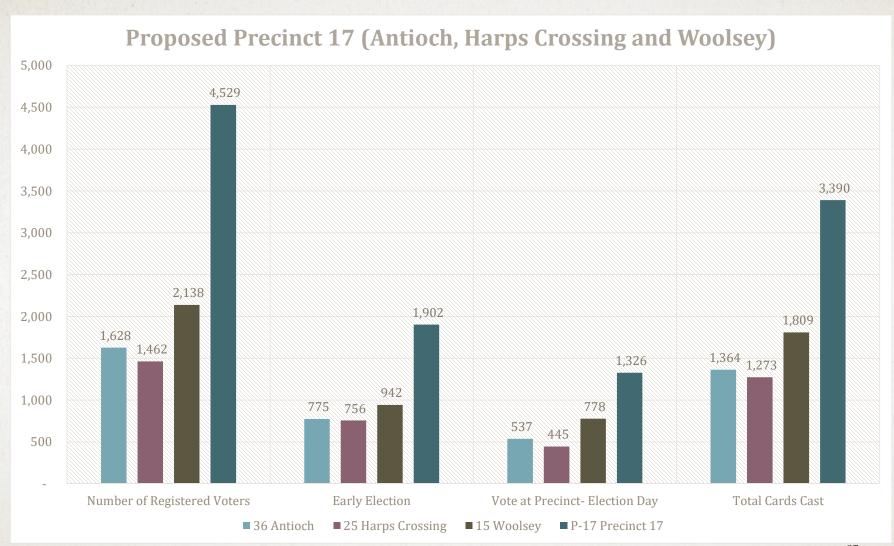


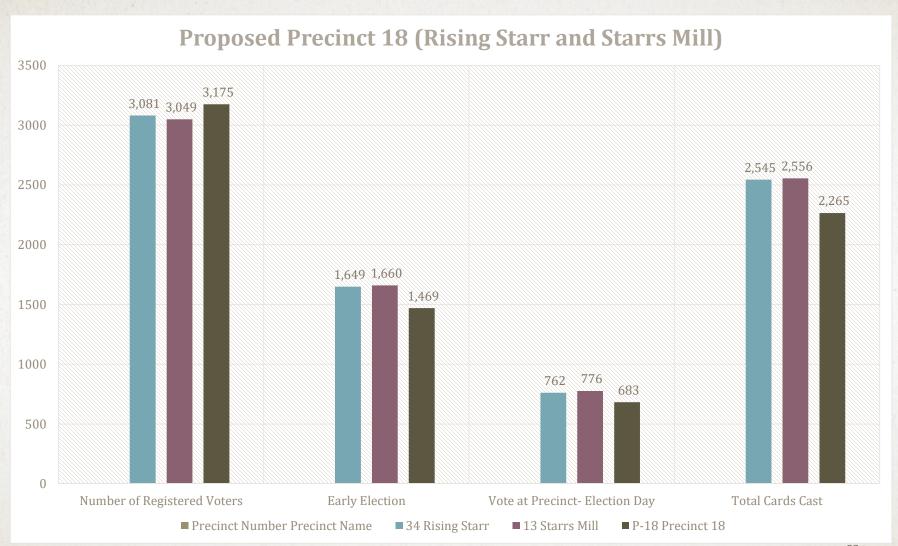


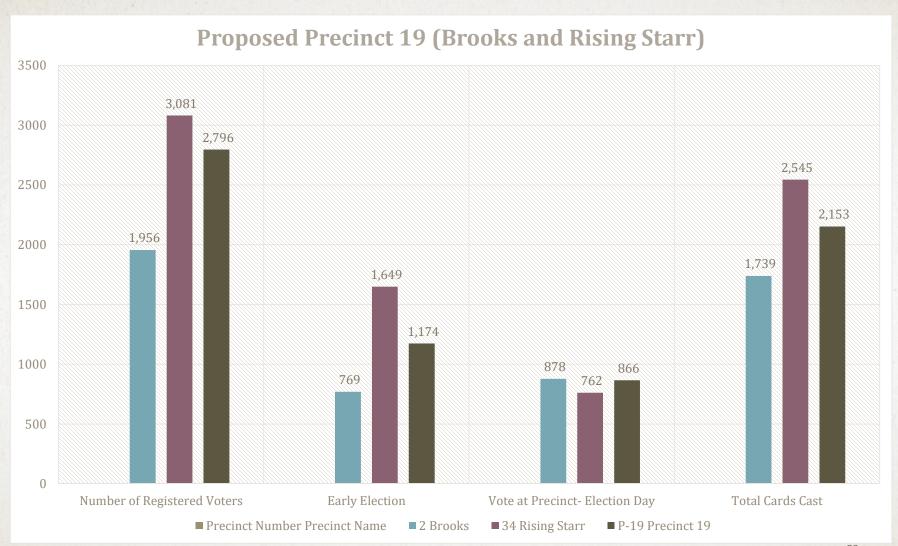












COUNTING THE COST...



NOVEMBER 2016 GENERAL ELECTION

Cost to Train Poll Of	fficials						
Poll Officials	Training		Election Day	Total to Tr	ain One P	oll Official	
Manager		\$30.00	\$210.00	0 \$240.00			
Assistant Manager \$30.00		\$160.00	\$190.00				
Clerk		\$30.00	\$130.00	0.00 \$160.00			
•		r Election with 36 Preci	ncts	2000000			
36 managers x \$240.00 = \$8,640.00						ager per pr	
72 assist. managers x \$190.00 = \$13,680.00		. ,			Two Assistant Mgrs per p		
72 clerks x \$160.00 = \$11,520.00		\$11,520.00			Two Clerks per precinct		nct
	TOTAL		\$33,840.00				327
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Technical Team			12,130,20	43343			1,19
3 part-time employ							
\$14.50 x 40 hours pe							100
\$580.00 x 8 weeks=	\$4,640.00 per 6	employee					
\$4640 x 3 employee	s = \$13,920.00						
	TOTAL		\$13,920.00				
Part-Time Supply	Clerk						
1 part-time supply clerk @ \$14.50 per hour				1774			
\$14.50 x 40 hours pe	er week = \$580	0.00		11/1/17			
\$580.00 x 12 weeks	= \$6,960.00			h. Hath			
	TOTAL		\$6,960.00				
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Advanced Voting	Site						
4 Advanced Voting Team Members @ \$14.50 per hour					199111	- 50 50 50 5	314
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\$580.00 per week x	4 employees	= \$2,320.00			13/3/4		
\$2,320.00 x 3 weeks					1/4/		
TOTAL			\$6,960.00		18330		
*Note: There are ac	tually 8 employ	rees who work in shifts	Market				010
		s working 8 hour day					

Encoder:			7.50			
1 Encoder @14.50 per ho	ur					
\$14.50 x 40 hours per we	ek = \$580.	00				
\$580.00 x 3 weeks = \$1,74	40.00					
TOTAL \$1,740.00						
*Encoders work in 4 hour	r shifts. Fig	ure is based	on one employee wo	rking 8 hour day		
Additional Advanced	Voting Sit	tes: Peachtr	ee City Library & T	yrone Town Hall		
Per Additional Site:						
Four Advanced Voting Te	eam Memb	pers + Card E	ncoder	0.84		
	\$6,960.00 + \$1,740.00 = \$8,700.00					
	11/2-17/3	TOTAL	\$8,700.00 Per Site			
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Facilities/Polling Local	tions					
Cost of Thirty-six Polling	Locations	on Election	Day			
*See attached spreadshe	et and cor	ntracts	1993			
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TOTAL ESTIMATED COST FOR 36 PRECINCTS: \$96,170.00

NOVEMBER 2016 GENERAL ELECTION

Cost to Train Poll Office		E1 B			0.00	
Poll Officials	Training	Election Day	Total to Tra		Official	
Manager	\$30.00	\$210.00		\$240.00		
Assistant Manager	\$30.00	\$160.00		\$190.00		
Clerk	\$30.00	\$130.00		\$160.00		
Amount Spent on Poll	Officals p	er Election w	ith 19 Precin	icts	2.03.8	
19 managers x \$240.00	\$4,560.00		One Manager pe			
36 assist. Managers x \$	\$6,840.00		2 Asst. Mgrs. pe			
57 clerks x \$160.00 =		\$9,120.00		3 Clerks pe	er pct.	
	TOTAL	\$20,520.00				
Technical Team		2000			7.00	
3 part-time employee	s @ 14.50	oer hour		*Reduced time sper		
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\$4,060.00 x 3 employe	es = \$12,18	30.00				
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\$580.00 x 3 weeks	= \$1,740.00		9333	
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Per Additional Sit	e:			1000
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		TOTAL	\$8,700.00 Per Site	100000
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Sherriff's Office s	taffing for 19	precincts		11 15 15 15

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST FOR 19 PRECINCTS: \$75,545.00

COST COMPARISON

- The Estimated Cost for 36 Precincts in the 2016 General Election was \$96,170.
- The Estimated Cost for 19 Precincts in the 2016 General Election was \$75,545.
- The Estimated Cost Savings for Consolidating to 19 Precincts is \$20,625.
- Considering the General Election was only one of four elections held in 2016 with similar costs involved, the <u>estimated</u> savings for 2016- if only 19 Precincts were in operation- would be \$82,500.



LEGALITIES OF CONSOLIDATING PRECINCTS

The process provided by state law for the consolidation of precincts can be found in O.C.G.A. §21-2-262. This statute gives the Board of Elections the power to order the division, redivision, alteration, formation Or consolidation of precincts.

The Board of Elections serves as both the superintendent of elections and the board of registrars for Fayette County.

The Board of Elections can act on its own, or pursuant to a petition from 20 electors or the executive committee of a political party, to develop a plan to redraw the county's precincts.

This plan must be accompanied by a map, plat or draft of the proposed precincts.

A final order to adopt the plan and redraw the county's precincts cannot take place until at least **10 days** after Notice of the change has been advertised in the *Fayette County News* (the county's legal organ). The notice must Briefly state the division, redivision, alteration, or consolidation of precincts recommended by the Board and the Date on which final action will be taken, as well as a warning that any person objecting must file his or her Objection with the Board prior to this date.

No new precinct can contain less than 100 electors and all precincts must conform with the new requirements of O.C.G.A § 21-2-261.1, which provides that all precincts shall consist of areas which are bounded on all sides by:

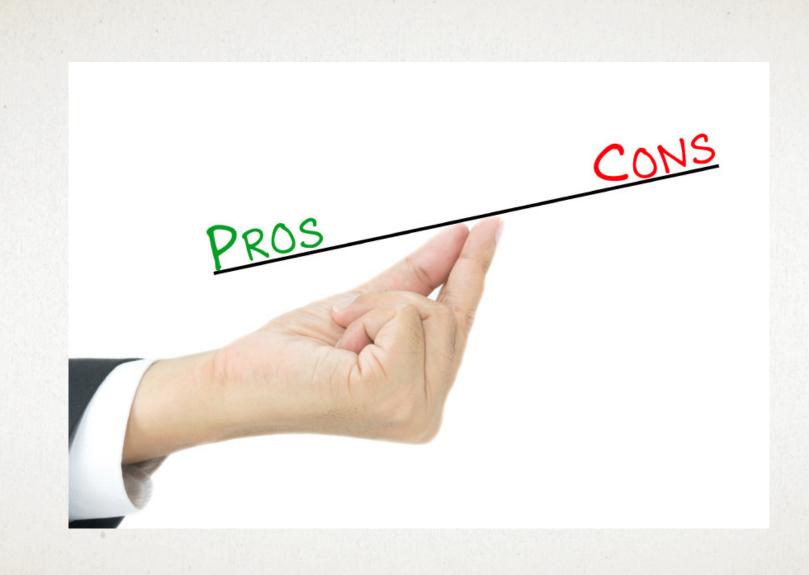
Visible features which are readily distinguishable upon the ground (such as streets, railroad tracks, streams, lakes, and ridges) and which are indicated upon certain official maps; or

The boundaries of public parks, public school grounds, churches, counties, and incorporated municipalities, or restricted access residential communities.

The bounds of a precinct may not be altered on the day on which a primary or election is to be held or during a period of 60 days prior to a general primary or election or during a period of 30 days prior to a special primary or election.

Once the change is made, the Board must file with the Secretary of State and the Legislative and Congressional reapportionment Office a map reflecting the changes within 20 days after the changes are made.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-264 states that the cost of redrawing the precincts must be paid by the county governing Authority. Said section does permit the Secretary of State to appropriate funds to grant to "qualified" counties To reimburse said counties for reasonable expenses. However, it is not clear whether any such funds have Actually been appropriated by the Secretary of State, nor is it clear what it would take to be a "qualified" county.



"PROS" FOR CONSOLIDATING PRECINCTS

- · Consolidated precincts address the rising popularity of early voting.
- Consolidated precincts could result in potential cost savings, however, the larger the election the less cost savings will be realized.
- Consolidated precincts <u>may</u> result in aligning municipal / county polling places allowing municipal voters to vote in one location. Since 1998, the county has had numerous annexations requiring voters to go to two locations to vote during city and county elections.
- Consolidated precincts <u>may</u> increase efficiency since staff will have to recruit and train fewer poll managers and assistant managers. Consolidated precincts will reduce time spent on restocking, packing, and unpacking supplies.
- Consolidated precincts require less machine maintenance costs since, potentially, fewer machines will be used based on the size and scope of the election. (SPLOST Election has need for fewer machines than a Presidential Election.)
- Consolidated precincts helps other county departments such as Building and Grounds and the Sheriff's Office who assist the Elections Office with personnel and law enforcement.

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- Consolidating precincts has caused concern that there may be voter suppression due to reduced access to physical polling places resulting in less voter turnout
- Consolidating precincts may cause potential distrust among the voters in the county's elections process.
- Consolidating precincts may have less cost savings than first perceived as additional clerks will be staffed for large elections with greater voter turnout
- Consolidating precincts can result in confusion since voters have been voting at the same physical locations for over 19 years
- Consolidating precincts does not account for the growing voter registration in the county. Even using a 50% basis of voters taking advantage of early voting, the county needs to plan for the growing numbers of voters who do not vote early. If precincts are consolidated, the growing number of voters could cause the need for additional precincts to be re-created

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- Consolidating precincts may result in minimal return and/or a "redo" based on the upcoming 2020 Census
- Consolidating precincts may result in locating new, larger polling places. As mentioned by Ms. Watts, locating adequate polling places for larger numbers of voters may be problematic
- Consolidating precincts, at this time, will occur with <u>little</u>
 <u>to no support</u> from the Georgia Secretary of State's Office.
 (It is noted that statewide support is anticipated after the 2020 Census.)
- GIS support is needed to consolidate the precincts.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

- Consolidating precincts is recommended from the viewpoint of county efficiency, cost savings, and overall voter benefit. GIS support is needed to accomplish this work.
- Consolidating precincts must be enacted either in the next few months or after the 2020 Presidential Election. As time progresses, the county will come closer to the 2020 Census which may affect districts and precincts- thus causing a "redo" of this effort. Simultaneously, there will be larger elections in Calendar Year 2018 that would limit the ability to consolidate the precincts.
- Consideration must be given to relocating polling locations from Oak Grove, Braelinn, and Rising Starr to other possible locations. This consideration must be made irrespective on the decision to consolidate districts.