

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
COURTHOUSE – BER CONFERENCE ROOM, SUITE 217  
October 2, 2012  
5:00 PM

- I. Call to order: 5:03 PM.
- II. Roll Call
  - a) Mr. Lynn Callaway, Vice-Chairperson: absent
  - b) Mr. Frank Ford: present
  - c) Ms. Annie Parker: present
  - d) Ms. Janet Pearson, Chairperson: present
  - e) Mr. Bob Stinnett: present
  - f) Mr. Gary Sanders, Supervisor of Elections and Registration: present
- III. Public Comments
  - a) None.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
  - a) Mr. Ford moved to approve the agenda.
  - b) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
  - c) Vote: all in favor.
- V. Recommended Consent Agenda
  - a) Approval of Minutes – September 4 and September 14, 2012
    - i) Mr. Stinnett moved to approve the minutes as presented.
    - ii) Mr. Ford seconded the motion.
    - iii) Vote: all in favor.
- VI. Discussion Items
  - a) 2012 & 2013 budgets
    - i) Mr. Sanders reviewed with the Board the 2012 budget.
    - ii) Mr. Sanders presented to the Board the 2013 budget as approved by the Board of Commissioners.
  - b) 2012 General Election preparations
- VII. Recommended Action Items
  - a) Approval of list of certified write-in candidates
    - i) Mr. Ford moved to approve the lists of certified write-in candidates for use at the polling places as presented, which are in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State's office with the addition of local candidates.
    - ii) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
    - iii) Vote: all in favor.
  - b) Write-in count procedures
    - i) Mr. Sanders discussed with the Board issues related to the logistics of counting write-in votes on election night.
    - ii) Mr. Sanders discussed with the Board issues related to the spelling of write-in candidates' names.
    - iii) By consensus, the Board agreed that minor variations, misspellings, and abbreviations are permissible in the spelling of write-in candidates' names as long as the voter's intent may be ascertained.
  - c) Voter registration challenge hearings
    - i) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-228, a hearing was held by the Board to determine the eligibility of the individuals named below to remain on the electors list. Prior legal notice for said hearing has been provided to each individual.
      - (1) Brandon P. Ingram – Reg. No. 8383155
      - (2) Shari Murray – Reg. No. 5846516
    - ii) Based on the evidence presented by Mr. Sanders, Mr. Ford moved to remove the names of said voters from the electors list.

iii) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.

iv) Vote: all in favor.

VIII. Business and Information from Board Members and Staff

a) Mr. Callaway: [absent]

b) Mr. Ford:

i) Discussed his views on the Board's legal representation.

c) Ms. Parker: None.

d) Mr. Stinnett: None.

e) Ms. Pearson:

i) Reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on November 6.

f) Mr. Sanders:

i) Presented to the Board the accounting of petty cash from the July 31 General Primary for review and signing.

ii) Informed the Board that final orders have been entered in all three cases involving the BER.

iii) Informed the Board that he requested preclearance for the use of Easy Vote at Precinct 105 on Election Day.

iv) Discussed with the Board the challenges with coordinating poll worker lunches for the November General Election and requested that the poll workers be paid an additional \$8.00 and bring their own lunches.

(1) Mr. Ford moved to approve Mr. Sanders' requested change regarding poll worker lunches with the option of making appropriate arrangements if a viable alternative becomes available.

(2) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.

(3) Vote: all in favor.

IX. Adjournment – 6:17 PM.

a) Mr. Ford moved to adjourn.

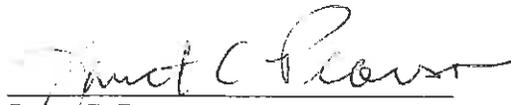
b) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.

c) Vote: all in favor.

ATTEST:



Gary Sanders  
Supervisor of Elections & Registration



Janet C. Pearson  
Chairperson