

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
COURTHOUSE – BER CONFERENCE ROOM, SUITE 217
November 6, 2012
5:30 PM

- I. Call to order: 5:35 PM.
- II. Roll Call
 - a) Mr. Lynn Callaway, Vice-Chairperson: present
 - b) Mr. Frank Ford: [arrived at 6:15 PM]
 - 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) Sheriff Howard Sills spoke about his role in providing security at the polling places on Election Day and provided copies of a portion of the relevant Georgia code and case law.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a) Mr. Stinnett moved to approve the agenda.
 - b) Mr. Callaway seconded the motion.
 - c) Vote: all in favor.
- V. Recommended Consent Agenda
 - a) Approval of Minutes – October 2, 2012
 - i) Mr. Stinnett moved to approve the minutes as presented.
 - ii) Mr. Callaway seconded the motion.
 - iii) Vote: all in favor.
- VI. Discussion Items
 - a) 2012 General Election
 - i) Ms. Pearson and Mr. Sanders provided an update on the election, commenting on voter turnout, poll worker performance, poll watchers, and several other minor issues that were observed at the polls.
 - b) Open Meetings Act
 - i) Mr. Sanders discussed with the Board the need to seek legal advice about the limitations on teleconferencing imposed by the Open Meetings Act.
- VII. Recommended Action Items
 - a) Review of and possible approval of Commissioner Reid's October proof of payment to the IRS
 - i) By consensus, the Board accepted Commissioner Reid's October proof of payment to the IRS.
- VIII. Business and Information from Board Members and Staff
 - a) Mr. Callaway: None.
 - b) Mr. Ford:
 - i) Presented his views on issues related to the Sheriff's role on Election Day, Board policies, and poll worker instruction.
 - c) Ms. Parker:
 - i) Discussed with the Board the visibility of signage at the polling places.
 - d) Mr. Stinnett: None.
 - e) Ms. Pearson:
 - i) Discussed with the Board general procedures for counting write-in votes.
 - ii) Informed the Board that Mr. Sanders did not receive a raise this year as previously indicated on budget documents received.
 - iii) By consensus, the Board decided to meet at 5:15 PM on Friday, November 9 to address any issue that may require Board action in certifying the election.

iv) Reminded the Board that the next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:00 PM on December 4, but that the start time may be adjusted if a Runoff is necessary.

f) Mr. Sanders: None.

IX. Recess

a) The Board recessed at 6:47 PM pending returns from the polls.

X. Return

a) The Board reconvened at approximately 9:00 PM.

XI. Election Day

a) The Board acted as the ballot review panel to duplicate Electronic Ballot Delivery (EBD) ballots and absentee ballots that would not scan due to invalid markings.

b) The Board reviewed the TS Write-in Report and the appropriate paper absentee ballots to tally the number of votes cast for certified write-in candidates.

XII. Adjournment

a) There being no further business requiring Board action, the Board adjourned at 1:15 AM.

ATTEST:



Gary Sanders
Supervisor of Elections & Registration



Janet C. Pearson
Chairperson