

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
COURTHOUSE – BER CONFERENCE ROOM, SUITE 217
March 4, 2014
5:00 PM

- I. Call to order: 5:00 PM.
- II. Roll Call
 - a) Mr. Frank Ford: absent
 - b) Mr. Kelvin Irvin: present
 - c) Ms. Annie Parker: present
 - d) Mr. Emory Walden, Vice-Chairperson: present
 - e) Ms. Janet Pearson, Chairperson: present
 - f) Mr. Gary Sanders, Supervisor of Elections and Registration: present
- III. Public Comments
 - a) None.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - a) Ms. Irvin moved to approve the agenda.
 - b) Mr. Walden seconded the motion.
 - c) Vote: all in favor.
- V. Recommended Consent Agenda
 - a) Approval of Minutes – February 4, 2014
 - i) Mr. Irvin moved to approve the minutes as presented.
 - ii) Mr. Walden seconded the motion.
 - iii) Vote: all in favor.
- VI. Discussion Items
 - a) 2014 budget
 - i) Mr. Sanders provided the Board an update on the 2014 budget, including year-to-date expenditures.
 - b) Update on candidate qualifying
 - i) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that qualifying will continue through Friday, March 7 at 12:00 PM.
 - ii) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that the Democratic Party requested the use of BER office space for the purpose of qualifying on Friday.
 - (1) Mr. Walden moved to violate BER policy by allowing the Democratic Party to use BER office space for the purpose of qualifying without following the established procedures.
 - (2) Ms. Parker seconded the motion.
 - (3) Vote: 2-2. Motion failed with Mr. Walden and Ms. Parker voting in favor and Mr. Irvin and Ms. Pearson voting against.
 - c) Update on preparations for the May 20, 2014 General Primary
 - i) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that the ballot information will be submitted to the Center for Elections on Friday and that ballot proofing will begin in a week or two.
 - ii) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that the deadline to begin mailing absentee ballots is Saturday, April 5.
 - iii) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that he will begin notifying poll workers of their assignment requests within the next two weeks.
- VII. Action Items
 - a) 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 individual(s) named below to remain on the electors list. Prior legal notice for said hearing has been provided to each individual.
 - (1) Johnny Foster – Reg. No. 7742469

- ii) Based on the evidence presented by Mr. Sanders, Mr. Irvin moved to remove the name of said voter from the electors list.
 - iii) Mr. Walden seconded the motion.
 - iv) Vote: all in favor.
- b) Discussion and possible action regarding the nonpartisan election ballot review panel
- i) Mr. Irvin moved to authorize the Supervisor to identify and recommend individuals to the Chief Superior Court Judge to serve on the nonpartisan election ballot review panel. Board members are encouraged to suggest individuals who may be interested in serving in this capacity.
 - ii) Mr. Walden seconded the motion.
 - iii) Vote: all in favor.
- c) Discussion and possible action regarding the nomination petition of Heck Davis for the office of district supervisor of the Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District
- i) Mr. Sanders presented to the Board the nomination petition submitted by Heck Davis for the position of Supervisor of the Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District.
 - ii) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that the petition required 25 valid signatures and that Mr. Davis provided 36: Mr. Sanders recommended approving the petition.
 - (1) Mr. Irvin moved to approve the nomination petition of Heck Davis.
 - (2) Ms. Parker seconded the motion.
 - (3) Vote: all in favor.

VIII. Business and Information from Board Members and Staff

- a) Mr. Ford: [absent]
- b) Mr. Irvin: none.
- c) Ms. Parker: none.
- d) Mr. Walden: none.
- e) Ms. Pearson:
 - i) Reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held on April 1, 2014 at 5:00 PM in Augusta.
 - ii) Asked that Board members who are not attending the GEOA/VRAG conference be available to participate in the meeting by phone, if possible.
- f) Mr. Sanders: none.

IX. Adjournment – 6:03 PM.

- a) Mr. Walden moved to adjourn.
- b) Mr. Irvin seconded the motion.
- c) Vote: all in favor.

ATTEST:



Gary Sanders
Supervisor of Elections & Registration



Janet C. Pearson
Chairperson