

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
SAVANNAH MARRIOTT RIVERFRONT  
100 GENERAL MCINTOSH BOULEVARD, SAVANNAH, GA 31401  
May 8, 2012  
5:00 PM

- I. Call to order: 5:00 PM.
- II. Roll Call
  - a) Mr. Melvin Bishop: present
  - b) Mr. Lynn Callaway, Vice-Chairperson: absent
  - c) Mr. Frank Ford: [present by telephone]
  - d) Ms. Janet Pearson, Chairperson: present
  - e) Mr. Bob Stinnett: absent
  - f) Gary Sanders, Supervisor of Elections and Registration: present
- III. Public Comments
  - a) None.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
  - a) Mr. Bishop moved to approve the agenda.
  - b) Mr. Ford seconded the motion.
  - c) Vote: all in favor.
- V. Recommended Consent Agenda
  - a) Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2012
    - i) Mr. Ford moved to approve the minutes as presented.
    - ii) Mr. Bishop seconded the motion.
    - iii) Vote: all in favor.
- VI. Discussion Items
  - a) Poll worker classification update
    - i) Mr. Sanders provided the Board a copy of the letter from the county manager to the poll workers explaining their treatment as employees and issues relating to taxes.
    - ii) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that the issue will be discussed with the poll workers prior to the General Primary.
  - b) 2012 budget
    - i) Mr. Sanders provided an update on the 2012 budget, informing the Board that a wide-format printer was purchased for use with the Maptitude software.
    - ii) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that the 2013 budget process is underway and that budget requests are due on June 29; budget work sessions are scheduled for the week before the General Primary.
  - c) 2012 qualifying
    - i) Mr. Sanders provided the Board with a calendar of qualifying dates and events.
    - ii) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that qualifying procedures and contact information will be advertised in the *Eatonton Messenger* for the next three weeks.
  - d) Redistricting update
    - i) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that the Secretary of State's office has set a deadline of May 20 for the completion of all redistricting changes, but the precinct changes may take until the first of June to receive preclearance.
    - ii) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that Elections Director Linda Ford suggested that the Board move forward with the redistricting process as if the precinct changes had been precleared.
    - iii) The Board discussed authorizing Mr. Sanders to withdraw the preclearance submission if it should become necessary. No action was taken.

iv) Mr. Bishop moved to proceed with the redistricting process as if the precinct changes were approved by the DOJ and that all changes should be moved from the test region into production.

(1) Mr. Ford seconded the motion.

(2) Vote: all in favor.

#### VII. Recommended 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 individuals named below to remain on the electors list.

Prior legal notice for said hearing has been provided to each individual.

(1) Clyde Wallace Benefield – Reg. No. 5662480

(2) Cameron Scott H. Dyll – Reg. No. 8111873

(3) Roland K. Fetgatter – Reg. No. 1350385

(4) Gregory R. Harrison – Reg. No. 7756160

(5) Tameka Nicole Browning – Reg. No. 5251622

(6) Gary Stan Herron – Reg. No. 7331410

(7) Robert Clay Howell – Reg. No. 170884

(8) Sheila J. Jackson – Reg. No. 1345757

(9) James L. Lanphier – Reg. No. 4407925

(10) Kelsey Carnell Lowe – Reg. No. 2306761

(11) Wilson Maddox, Jr. – Reg. No. 7649523

(12) Thomas G. Roberts – Reg. No. 1350675

(13) Robert L. Saffle – Reg. No. 1692125

(14) Charlie B. Scarborough – Reg. No. 135709

(15) Willie Mae Waller – Reg. No. 1345583

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. Bishop seconded the motion.

iv) Vote: all in favor.

b) Accounting of petty cash for March 6, 2012 PPP

i) Mr. Sanders presented to the Board an itemized accounting of the petty cash fund from the PPP election for review.

ii) By consensus, the Board accepted the report with Ms. Pearson signing on behalf of the Board.

#### VIII. Business and Information from Board Members and Staff

a) Mr. Bishop: None.

b) Mr. Callaway: [absent]

c) Mr. Ford: None.

d) Mr. Stinnett: [absent]

e) Ms. Pearson:

i) Reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held at 5:00 PM on June 5 at the VRAG conference in Savannah.

f) Mr. Sanders: None.

#### IX. Adjournment – 5:37 PM.

a) Mr. Bishop moved to adjourn.

b) Mr. Ford seconded the motion.

c) Vote: all in favor.

Attest:

  
Supervisor of Elections

  
Janet Pearson  
BIR Chairperson