

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE
BER CONFERENCE ROOM
July 13, 2012
2:30 PM

- I. Call to order: 2:30 PM.
- II. Roll Call
 - a) Mr. Lynn Callaway, Vice-Chairperson: [present by telephone]
 - b) Mr. Frank Ford: present
 - c) Ms. Annie Parker: absent
 - d) Ms. Janet Pearson, Chairperson: present
 - e) Mr. Bob Stinnett: present
 - f) Gary Sanders, Supervisor of Elections and Registration: present
- III. Public Comments
 - a) Ms. Janie Reid informed the Board that she has documentation confirming that she has established a payment plan with the IRS and that her account is in good standing.
- 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 Action Items
 - a) Executive session
 - i) Not needed.
 - b) Discussion and possible action regarding the hiring of Anne W. Lewis as legal counsel for the Board
 - i) Ms. Pearson discussed the county attorney's withdrawal of his representation of the Board due to a conflict of interest.
 - ii) Mr. Ford moved to engage Ms. Lewis as legal counsel for the Board in accordance with the engagement letter dated July 13, 2012 with the attachment titled "Terms of Engagement."
 - iii) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
 - iv) Vote: all in favor.
 - c) Discussion and possible action regarding an inquiry received regarding candidate eligibility
 - i) Ms. Pearson discussed the two main issues, and Ms. Lewis's recommendations, concerning Mr. Fred Key's inquiry into Ms. Janie Reid's eligibility: 1) the final adjudication by a court of competent jurisdiction; and 2) that such ineligibility may be removed at any time by making payments pursuant to a repayment plan.
 - ii) Mr. Ford moved to present a resolution to Ms. Reid outlining an agreement that the Board will not proceed to a challenge hearing on her eligibility to seek public office due to non-payment of federal taxes if she provides proof, in the form of a copy of the check or an updated account statement, that payments are made to the IRS each month up to and including the October payment. Further, Ms. Reid should understand that this agreement is entirely voluntary.
 - iii) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
 - iv) Vote: all in favor.
 - v) Mr. Ford moved to recess to allow Ms. Reid to consult with her attorney.
 - vi) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
 - vii) Vote: all in favor.
 - viii) The Board recessed at 2:46 PM.
 - ix) Mr. Ford moved to reconvene.

- x) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
 - xi) Vote: all in favor.
 - xii) The Board reconvened at 2:53 PM
 - xiii) Ms. Reid indicated that she accepted the terms of the resolution.
 - xiv) Ms. Pearson and Ms. Reid signed two copies of the resolution; one copy was retained by the Board and one by Ms. Reid.
- d) 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) Tabitha Knight – Reg. No. 8030028
 - (2) Patricia Landrum – Reg. No. 6104398
 - (3) Ashley Manley – Reg. No. 6282105
 - (4) Kelly McCorkle – Reg. No. 6428695
 - (5) Alvin Morris – Reg. No. 1349889
 - (6) Zachary Sechrist – Reg. No. 6144974
 - (7) Kelley Spencer – Reg. No. 6006416
 - (8) William Walton – Reg. No. 1347111
 - (9) Silvonía Yearwood – Reg. No. 3815491
 - (10) Addie Ellison – Reg. No. 1345679
 - (11) James McCorkle – Reg. No. 1350551
 - (12) Lizzie Warren – Reg. No. 1345923
 - 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.

VI. Business and Information from Board Members and Staff

- a) Mr. Callaway: None.
- b) Mr. Ford:
 - i) Inquired about the challenge hearing on Friday, July 20.
- c) Ms. Parker: [absent]
- d) Mr. Stinnett: None.
- e) Ms. Pearson: None.
- f) Mr. Sanders: None.

VII. Adjournment – 5:00 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