

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE
BER CONFERENCE ROOM
July 31, 2012
5:30 PM

- I. Call to order: 5:30 PM.
- II. Roll Call
 - a) Mr. Lynn Callaway, Vice-Chairperson: present
 - b) Mr. Frank Ford: present
 - c) Ms. Annie Parker: present
 - d) Ms. Janet Pearson, Chairperson: present
 - e) Mr. Bob Stinnett: present
 - f) 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 – July 20, 2012 Challenge Hearing
 - i) Mr. Ford discussed including the challenge hearing transcript as a part of the minutes.
 - ii) Mr. Callaway moved to approve the minutes as presented without adding the transcript.
 - iii) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
 - iv) Vote: 4-1 with Mr. Callaway, Ms. Parker, Ms. Pearson, and Mr. Stinnett voting in favor and Mr. Ford voting against.
- VI. Discussion Items
 - a) 2012 & 2013 budgets
 - i) Mr. Sanders provided the Board an update on the 2012 budget, which included year-to-date expenditures.
 - ii) Mr. Sanders reviewed with the Board the 2013 budget request and highlighted the computer services and capital items requests.
 - b) 2012 General Primary/Nonpartisan General/Special Election
 - i) Ms. Pearson and Mr. Sanders provided an update on the election, commenting on voter turnout, poll worker performance, and several minor issues that were observed at the polls.
 - ii) Ms. Pearson informed the Board that Precinct 105 is handling the higher voter turnout very well.
 - iii) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that the Secretary of State observers noted the need to have the provisional ballot bag out and in the view of the poll workers and voters.
 - iv) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that he will purchase ballot boxes for the provisional ballots and will make sure that they are placed within the enclosed space of the polling places in future elections.
 - c) Challenge hearing appeal
 - i) Ms. Pearson informed the Board that Mr. Melvin Bishop's attorney filed an appeal of the Board's decision at the challenge hearing, an emergency motion for a stay of the election, and an amended motion against June White.
 - ii) Ms. Pearson informed the Board that no action has been taken by the Superior Court regarding these filings at this time.

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) Judy T. Carlton – Reg. No. 5599054
 - (2) Molena C. Roberts – Reg. No. 1761701
 - (3) Shirley L. Titcombe – Reg. No. 4980260
 - (4) Barry W. Titcombe – Reg. No. 5852065
 - ii) Based on the evidence presented by Mr. Sanders, Mr. Callaway moved to remove the names of said voters from the electors list.
 - iii) Mr. Ford seconded the motion.
 - iv) Vote: all in favor.

VIII. Business and Information from Board Members and Staff

- a) Mr. Callaway: None.
- b) Mr. Ford: None.
- c) Mr. Stinnett: None.
- d) Ms. Pearson:
 - i) Informed the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for August 21, the date of the Runoff.
 - ii) By consensus, the Board decided to change the date of the next meeting to August 16 at 5:00 PM since a Runoff will not be necessary.
- e) Mr. Sanders: None.

IX. Recess

- a) The Board recessed at 6:09 PM pending returns from the polls.

X. Return

- a) The Board reconvened at 9:16 PM.

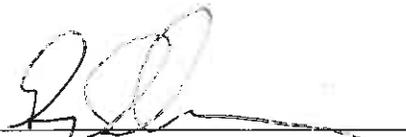
XI. Election Day

- a) The Board functioned as the Ballot Review Panel, duplicating three ballots.

XII. Adjournment

- a) There being no further business requiring Board action, the Board adjourned at 9:26 PM.

ATTEST:



Gary Sanders,
Supervisor of Elections & Registration



Janet C. Pearson,
Chairperson