

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
COURTHOUSE – BER CONFERENCE ROOM, SUITE 217
September 4, 2012
2:30 PM

- I. Call to order: 2:40 PM.
- II. Roll Call
 - a) Mr. Lynn Callaway, Vice-Chairperson: absent
 - b) Mr. Frank Ford: present
 - c) Ms. Annie Parker: [arrived at 2:48 PM]
 - d) Ms. Janet Pearson, Chairperson: present
 - e) Mr. Bob Stinnett: present
 - f) Mr. Gary Sanders, Supervisor of Elections and Registration: present
 - g) Ms. Anne Lewis, BER attorney: 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 – August 16, 2012
 - i) Mr. Ford moved to approve the minutes as presented.
 - ii) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
 - iii) Vote: all in favor.
- VI. Recommended Action Items
 - a) Executive Session
 - i) Mr. Ford moved to enter executive session for the purpose of seeking legal counsel regarding pending litigation.
 - ii) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
 - iii) Vote: all in favor.
 - iv) The Board entered executive session at 2:43 PM.
 - v) Mr. Ford moved to come out of executive session.
 - vi) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
 - vii) Vote: all in favor.
 - viii) The Board came out of executive session at 3:32 PM.
 - ix) No action was taken as a result of the executive session.
- VII. Business and Information from Board Members and Staff
 - a) Mr. Callaway: [absent]
 - b) Mr. Ford: None.
 - c) Ms. Parker: None.
 - d) Mr. Stinnett: None.
 - e) Ms. Pearson:
 - i) Reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held at 5:00 PM on October 2.
 - f) Mr. Sanders: None.
- VIII. Discussion Items
 - a) 2012 & 2013 budgets
 - i) Mr. Sanders reviewed with the Board the 2012 YTD budget.
 - ii) Mr. Sanders reviewed with the Board the 2013 proposed budget, commenting on the items that were recommended to be cut.
 - b) 2012 General Election

- i) Mr. Sanders discussed with the Board the ballot building timeline and the impact that the candidate appeals may have on meeting the 45-day federal deadline for mailing absentee ballots.
- ii) Mr. Sanders discussed with the Board the constitutional amendments that will appear on the ballot.
- c) Update on candidate appeal (Bishop v. BER)
 - i) Ms. Pearson informed the Board that Ms. Anne Lewis received an email from Judge McConnell stating that he ruled in the Board's favor regarding Mr. Melvin Bishop's appeal.

IX. Adjournment – 3:49 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

AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRPERSON OR PRESIDING OFFICER

Janet Pearson, Chairperson/Presiding Officer of the Putnam County Board of Elections & Registration, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

The Putnam County Board of Elections & Registration met in a duly advertised meeting on September 4, 2012

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 2:43 a.m./p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and (insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential) _____;

Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4);

Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6);

Other (describe the exemption to the open meetings law): _____ as provided in (insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic) _____.

This 4th day of September, 2012

Janet Pearson

Chairperson/Presiding Officer,

Putnam County Board of Elections & Registration

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 4th day of
September, 2012
Notary Public G.M. Sanders
My commission expires: _____

