

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
COURTHOUSE -- BER CONFERENCE ROOM, SUITE 217
November 5, 2013
5:00 PM

- I. Call to order: 5:00 PM.
- II. Roll Call
 - a) Mr. Frank Ford: present
 - b) Mr. Kelvin Irvin: present
 - c) Ms. Annie Parker, Vice-Chairperson: present
 - d) Mr. Emory Walden: present
 - e) Ms. Janet Pearson, Chairperson: [present by telephone]
 - f) Mr. 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. Irvin seconded the motion.
 - c) Vote: all in favor.
- V. Recommended Consent Agenda
 - a) Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2013
 - i) Mr. Ford moved to approve the minutes as presented.
 - ii) Mr. Irvin seconded the motion.
 - iii) Vote: all in favor.
- VI. Discussion Items
 - a) 2014 budget
 - i) Mr. Sanders provided the Board an update on budget activity for 2014, which started on October 1.
 - b) Capital estimates for fiscal years 2015 – 2017
 - i) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that the county has requested estimates for capital expenditures (\$5,000 and over) for the next three fiscal years.
 - ii) Mr. Sanders informed the Board that the estimates are due by November 15.
 - c) Presentations of potential polling place changes
 - i) Mr. Sanders presented the following precinct consolidation plan for discussion and consideration at the December 3 meeting. Plan 1: Consolidate Precinct 101 and Precinct 102, with a polling place at the Putnam County administration building; consolidate Precinct 103 and Precinct 104, with a polling place at the Putnam County Middle School; and Precincts 105, 106, 107, and 108 remain unchanged.
 - ii) Mr. Walden presented the following precinct consolidation plan for discussion and consideration at the December 3 meeting. Plan 2: Consolidate Precinct 101 and Precinct 102, with a polling place at the Putnam County administration building; consolidate Precinct 103 and Precinct 104, with a polling place at the Putnam County Middle School; consolidate Precinct 107 and Precinct 108, with a polling place at Lakeside Baptist Church; and Precincts 105 and 106 remain unchanged.
 - iii) Ms. Pearson asked the Board to give thought to the two plans over the next month and to be prepared to make a decision at the December meeting.
- 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 individuals named below to remain on the electors list. Prior legal notice for said hearing has been provided to each individual.

(1) Joe Williams, Jr. – Reg. No. 4395410

- ii) Based on the evidence presented by Mr. Sanders, Mr. Ford moved to remove the name of said voter from the electors list.
- iii) Mr. Irvin seconded the motion.
- iv) Vote: all in favor.
- b) Possible motion for investigation into the consolidation of voting precincts
 - i) Mr. Walden moved to investigate the consolidation of adjoining voting precincts, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-262.
 - ii) Mr. Ford seconded the motion.
 - iii) Vote: all in favor.

VIII. Business and Information from Board Members and Staff

- a) Mr. Ford:
 - i) Stated that he favors Mr. Walden's consolidation plan if the Board can make it work.
- b) Mr. Irvin:
 - i) Stated that he also favors Mr. Walden's consolidation plan.
- c) Ms. Parker:
 - i) Stated that she also favors Mr. Walden's consolidation plan.
- d) Mr. Walden: none.
- e) Ms. Pearson:
 - i) Reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held on December 3 at 5:00 PM.
- f) Mr. Sanders: none.

IX. Adjournment – 5:26 PM.

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

ATTEST:



Gary Sanders
Supervisor of Elections & Registration



Janet C. Pearson
Chairperson