

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION OF JASPER COUNTY
CANVASS HEARING FOR CERTIFICATION OF FEBRUARY 27, 2016
DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY AND MONTHLY BOARD
MEETING - MARCH 3, 2016 – 8:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Arzillo; Vice Chairperson Pamela Williams; Commissioner Timothy Crosby; Commissioner Rodney Catterton; Commissioner Denise Davidson; Commissioner John Kemp and Director Jeanine Bostick.

ABSENT: Commissioner Carl Tyler.

NOTIFICATION TO MEDIA: Chairman Arzillo announced that the media had been notified.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

INNOVATION: Commissioner Crosby.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motioned by Vice Chairperson Williams, seconded by Commissioner Kemp to approve the agenda for today’s meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTER OF OATHS TO THE BOARD; CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR: Chairman Arzillo administered Oath to the Board and the Director. The Director administered the Oath to Chairman Arzillo.

CANVASSING HEARING: Chairman Arzillo began the canvass hearing. There was only one challenged ballot. Voter was mailed an absentee ballot, however, the voter went to her precinct on Election Day to vote because the voter stated she received a school board ballot, but never received the Democratic Presidential Preference Ballot, therefore the voter was allowed to vote a Provisional Ballot. Motioned by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Vice Chairperson Williams to count the provisional ballot. Certified totals: Clinton 2,195; O’Malley 11; Sanders 355 and Wilson 19. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS MEETING: Chairman Arzillo called the Business Meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motioned by Commissioner Crosby, seconded by Commissioner Kemp to approve February 11, 2106 Board meeting minutes. *Commissioner Davidson stated she was requesting at our last meeting that the date listed on the packet December 11, 2104 be added in the minutes.* With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. .

OLD BUSINESS: Petition Standards: Chairman Arzillo called for comments. Director distributed to the Board the Petition Forms issued by the State and explained what each form is used for. Commissioner Davidson stated she has some policies she would like to be added to our *Policy and Procedures Manual* relating to petition procedures for the Board, therefore Commissioner Davidson asked that this discussion be tabled until time to review the *Policy and Procedures Manual*.

OLD BUSINESS CONT'D.: PPP Election Overview: The Director stated the election went well there were a few minor issues with assisting the Clerks with manually printing zero tapes. Commissioner Kemp commented there were a few precincts with heating and cooling issues and the Board needed to address those issues with County Council; also, two precincts had power failure; Coosawhatchie and the Sun City Lake house. Commissioner Kemp asked if power is lost are we suppose to issue the voters emergency ballots and how long do we wait to do that. The Director stated if there are no voters waiting to vote the Clerk can continue with opening the precinct, the voting machines is operated by a rechargeable battery and can hold a charge for a few hours, however, if voters are in the precinct and the machines are inoperable the Clerk can immediately issue emergency paper ballots to the voters, until power is restored. Commissioner Kemp commented there were also a few issues with the Clerks not having the zero and results tape in the proper envelopes the night of the Republican Primary Election. Commissioner Kemp suggested a checklist for the Clerks to ensure the zero tapes and results tapes are together and stored in the official envelope for the Board on election night. Commissioner Davidson stated the matter was handled correctly for the Democratic Primary Election. The Director stated telephone calls were made to all the Clerks on Election Day to remind them to put the printed tapes in its proper place. Commissioner Catterton asked the Director were there any complaints pertaining to either election. The Director stated there were no complaints pertaining to either election. Commissioner Crosby stated he would like the Board to possibly look into finding another Office for the Director and Staff. Commissioner Crosby went on to say, after working the two elections it is clear a larger Office is definitely warranted and the Office is not conducive for a smooth flow of things that were happening on Election night. Commissioner Crosby also asked about possibly having the election equipment delivered to the precincts because our voting machines has some weight to them and not all of our workers are capable of lifting these machines and we want to prevent injuries. Commissioner Crosby also commented on the environmental control within some of our precincts, there are problems with heating and cooling and the Board needs to consider new locations for the Office and several precincts. Commissioner Kemp shared some election statistics from the 2008 Presidential Preference Primaries vs 2016 Presidential Preference Primaries. *In 2008 total registered voters were 10,150; in 2016 total registered voters are 16,833; in the 2016, RPPP 3,005 voted at a 17% turnout and in the 2008 RPPP 1,064 voted; in the 2016 DPPP 2,594 voted at a 15% turnout and in the 2008 DPPP 3,076 voted. Total voted in 2016 PPP were 5,599 at a 33% turnout and in the 2008 PPP turnout was 40%.*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director confirmed with Commissioner Davidson, she would like to table the discussion of petition standards until the review of our policy and procedures manual. Commissioner Davidson concurred. The Director informed the Board in their packets was Friday Reports from the South Carolina Association of Counties for their viewing.

The Director requested the Board's mileage for reimbursement from the two PPP Elections.

The Director reminded those Commissioners going to the SCARE Conference to please bring their door prizes by the office to label with our County name.

Total Registered Voters: **16, 884** as of February 21, 2016.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Arzillo commended the Director and the Board for a job well done and congrats on another successful Election.

BOARD ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Commissioner Davidson asked for clarification regarding the email relating to Mr. Murphy, Democratic President and accessing the voting precincts. The Director explained that the Democratic Party was holding a Precinct Re-organization meeting at the voting precincts in Jasper County. Mr. Murphy is requesting keys or a list of contacts to be able to access the precincts on Saturday, April 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The Director informed the Board she would give Mr. Murphy keys to the following precincts (Grays and Gillisonville) and would email Mr. Murphy a copy of the precinct list of contacts and telephone numbers and he would make arrangements to have the those precincts opened.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MEETING: The Board asked that Mr. Earl Bostick, IT Director attend April's meeting to discuss securing files electronically and answer any questions the Board may have regarding this process, also invite Mr. Dale Terry to discuss ADA Compliances at the voting precincts.

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned to adjourn by Vice Chairperson Williams, seconded by Commissioner Kemp, meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanine M. Bostick, Director

cc: File; Election Commission; Andy Fulghum, County Administrator; Judy Frank, Clerk of Council; Jasper Delegation