

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION OF JASPER COUNTY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Arzillo; Vice Chairperson Pamela M. Williams; Mr. John Kemp; Mr. Carl Tyler; Mr. Timothy Crosby; Mr. Rodney Catterton; Mrs. Denise Davidson and Director Jeanine Bostick.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arzillo. Chairman Arzillo thanked Mr. Kleckley for being at tonight's meeting to swear in our newly appointed and reappointed board members.

Pledge of Allegiance by all

INVOCATION: Mr. Timothy Crosby.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motioned by Vice Chairperson Williams, seconded by Mr. Tyler to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting adding under "Swearing In" of New Member to also swear in reappointed members. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Vice Chairperson Williams to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2016 Board meeting with the following revision: add in the SC Law quoted by Vice Chairperson Williams *SC 7-3-10(e) No member of the commission may participate in political management or in a political campaign during the member's term of office. No member of the commission may make a contribution to a candidate or knowingly attend a fundraiser held for the benefit of a candidate. Violation of this subsection subjects the commissioner to removal by the Governor.* It was requested that a copy of the law cited be added as an attachment with the Board minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

SWEARING IN: Probate Judge Buster Kleckley swore in newly appointed board member Mrs. Regenia G. Scott and reappointed board member's Mr. Joseph Arzillo; Mr. Carl Tyler, Mrs. Pamela M. Williams and Mr. Timothy Crosby.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Poll Workers Training: The Director informed the Board the first poll workers training was held on Saturday, October 15th, the next training would be October 29th and the final training which is for Clerks only will be held on Saturday, November 5th at 2pm and possibly be held in the Hardeeville Chambers. Mrs. Davidson asked had the training been changed from November 4th and had the Clerks been notified.

Poll Workers Training, Cont'd: The Director stated the November 4th training was a tentative date and training will be held on Saturday, November 5th and notices of training will go to all Clerks. The Director informed the board several topics were discussed in training i.e., cyber threats; photo ID; do's and don'ts; ballot selections; ballot instructions. Several board members stressed the importance of the poll workers understanding procedures of canceling a straight party ticket or deselecting a candidate name on the ballot. It was suggested that these notes be written out as a separate guide for the poll workers.

Petition Issues: Mr. Kemp asked that this discussion be tabled for another time after the General Election.

Petition Issues Cont'd: In regards to poll workers Vice Chairperson Williams quoted *SC Law 7-25--220 "Immunity of poll workers" "A poll worker, whether or not compensated, while acting pursuant to or in furtherance of the holding or conduct of an election, shall be immune from personal civil liability for any act or omission when the act or omission is done in good faith and does not constitute gross negligence, recklessness, willfulness, or wantonness" (see attachment).*

EVRL: The Director stated she received training from Beaufort County on EVRL and Beaufort County also came to Jasper and gave some on hands training to three Clerks and workers, i.e., Grahamville 2; Hardeeville 2 and Sun City precincts. The Director stated she has requested additional training from the State to ensure her understanding and use of the EVRL system. The State has not announced the next training date, however, the Director has reached out to Mr. Snider of SEC to inquire of additional training and hopes to hear something soon; there are other counties also waiting for the training, i.e., Hampton; Barnwell; Bamberg, Colleton.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director distributed guidelines on Watchers and Observers for Election Day. Each individual will read and sign the guidelines (signature not mandatory) to ensure accountability and understanding. It was motioned by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Vice Chairperson Williams to proceed with the Watchers and Observers Guidelines to be handed out at the voting precincts. After further discussions a vote was taken: (4) Yes, Chairman Arzillo; Vice Chairperson Williams; Mr. Kemp and Mrs. Scott; (4) Oppose, Mr. Crosby; Mr. Catterton; Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Tyler. Motion failed.

The Director informed the Board in their packet was a quote from AAA Storage City in Ridgeland near Okatie to rent a Penske truck to have County personnel deliver the voting machines (Est. \$150 for a 15' Club Van plus mileage and a second quote from Kayhudson Consulting LLC to pickup and deliver the voting machines for Jasper (\$3,500). The Director stated she would notify Mr. Dale Terry of renting a truck and hopes of having the personnel to drive and laborers to help with distributing and picking up the voting machines.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Cont'd. The Director informed the Board in their packet York County Police Department did a presentation at a Director's meeting on security at the polls and thought it was a good tool to reference in Jasper County.

The Director informed the Board in their packets were sample ballots for the November 8, 2016 General Election and there are six ballot styles and your ballot style would be determined by the Senate or House District you are registered to vote in.

Total Registered Voters: As of October 2, 2016: **17, 763.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Evaluation of Director. Motioned to go into executive session by Mrs. Scott, seconded by Vice Chairperson Williams. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Arzillo stated no votes were taken in executive session. Motioned to return out of executive session by Vice Chairperson Williams, seconded by Mr. Kemp. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Mr. Kemp mentioned the City of Hardeeville is discussing having their elections in November during even years. Mr. Kemp asked the Director any comments on this issue. The Director stated if there would be a separate Board overseeing their election we would have the same problem we had with the special election two precincts in one polling place and not even voting machines to accommodate.

Mr. Kemp stated he would spoke with the necessary persons for the City of Hardeeville. Mr. Kemp mentioned the State stating all personnel should be using their County email addresses and not their personal emails. The County email addresses are better secured and should your emails be subpoenaed you wouldn't want your personal emails issued to the public.

Mr. Kemp suggested a workshop to prior to the election to discuss election matters and procedures.

TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MEETING: The Director asked if the November Board meeting would be following certification of the General Election of Friday, November 11th? The Board response, yes.

The Board discussed and decided to have a workshop on November 1, 2016 at 11am at the Voter Registration office to discuss election matters.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further discussion. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mrs. Williams. Meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanine Bostick, Director

cc: Board Members; Clerk of Council, Mrs. Judy Frank; County Administrator, Mr. Andrew Fulghum; Jasper County Delegation, Mrs. Helen Pittman

SECTION 7-25-220. Immunity of poll workers.

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