

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION OF JASPER COUNTY
CANVASS HEARING; CERTIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL
ELECTION AND BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2014**

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Arzillo; Vice Chairman Albert Stiffler and Commissioner Warren Johnson; Commissioner Donald Sheftall, Sr.; Commissioners Patricia Walls; Commissioner Lillian King; Commissioner Rodney Catterton and Director Jeanine Bostick.

ABSENT: Commissioner Pamela M. Williams and Commissioner Carl Tyler.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

INNOVATION: Commissioner Donald Sheftall, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motioned by Commissioner King, seconded by Vice Chairman Stiffler 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. 31 Ballots were challenged. There were no persons present regarding the challenged ballots. The Board reviewed each challenged / provisional ballot. Thirty of the challenged / provisional ballots were counted and only one of the challenged / provisional ballot was not counted, reason for not counting the one ballot, the voter was registered in a different county. The Board tallied the votes and the Director read the new totals adding in those challenged / provisional ballots that were counted. Chairman Arzillo called for a motion on the new election totals. Motioned by Commissioner Sheftall, seconded by Commissioner King to accept the new totals as the certified totals for the November 4, 2014 General Election. The election totals were certified and the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Arzillo called the Board meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned by Vice Chairman Stiffler, seconded by Commissioner Walls to approve the October 9, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director informed the Board that the items in their packets were for their information only and no actions were required. The Director reminded the Board of the upcoming 2015 SCARE Conference. The Director informed the Board there will only be three certification classes offered at the conference this year and those classes will only be offered on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. Each class will begin at 1:30pm. Those persons who have not met their certification and wish to attend one of the classes please let the Director know. The Director informed the Board that several poll workers called; wrote a letter or sent an email thanking the Director and the Board for selecting them to be poll workers in this election. Several positive feedbacks came from Chairman Arzillo and other Board members on how well the election was conducted and how each Poll Worker are to be commended for a job well done. The Director informed the Board the Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 in Observance of Veterans Day.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONT'D.: The Director also informed the Board that her birthday is Friday, November 14, 2014 and she would like to take leave on Friday, November 14th and Monday, November 17th.

Total registered voters as of October 26, 2014: **15,569.**

Chairman Arzillo asked for clarification of the three classes being offered at the SCARE Conference, will these classes be counted towards certification for Commissioners. The Director stated yes they would be. Chairman Arzillo advised those persons needing the courses to help with completing their certification to please plan to attend.

Commissioner King asked were there any classes being offered to Commissioners who were already certified to receive credit for continuing education. The Director informed the Board that those certified Commissioners that attended the SCARE Conference and the various sessions at the conference would be scanned in at each session and that would give that Commissioner credit for continuing education which is required by the State to serve on the Board.

The Director informed the Board that the classes listed on March 4, 2014 are the only classes that will be available towards certification.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Arzillo thanked all the poll workers for a job well done. The Chairman commented *"it was a long day and hard work"*. The Chairman concurred with what the Director stated about letters that were written commending everyone for a job well done and how well things went. It was a lot of hard work and things can get crazy at the Voter Registration Office, but overall things went well. Commissioner Sheftall asked the Chairman if he could look into with Marci Andino Executive Director with the State Election Commission about what can be done about those persons that constantly and unnecessarily challenge ballots and never show up for the hearing of the challenge. Chairman Arzillo stated he would.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Arthur Murphy, Chairman of the Jasper County Democratic Party stated that he rode around to every precinct and he was amazed how well trained each poll worker were and commended the Director for a job well done. Mr. Murphy stated his concern was the new voting precinct, Sun City. Mr. Murphy stated there were long lines at that precinct and he was concern there wasn't enough machines at that precinct. Chairman Arzillo confirmed that additional machines will be provided at this precinct in upcoming elections. The Director also stated that there we enough machines at the precinct per registered voters, but the voters came out in large volumes and at the same time, but we did provide enough machines as required by State law per registered voters at that precinct.

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned to adjourn by Commissioner King, seconded by Vice Chairman Stiffler. Meeting adjourned at 9:50am. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanine M. Bostick, Director

cc: File; Election Commission; Judy Frank, Clerk of Council; Jasper Delegation and Mr. Andrew Fulghum, County Administrator.