

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION OF JASPER COUNTY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

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

ABSENT: Mr. John Kemp

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arzillo.

Pledge of Allegiance. 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. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Vice Chairperson Williams to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2016 Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Mrs. Carmen Malphrus.** Mrs. Malphrus spoke to the Board about her not be eligible to serve as a poll worker in the 2016 General Election based on her being related to Candidate Chris Malphrus. Mrs. Malphrus stated that she is not related to Mr. Malphrus and persons having the same last names doesn't necessary mean they are related. Mrs. Malphrus distributed to the Board State Law 7-13-120 "Candidates and their relatives shall not be managers or clerk". Mrs. Malphrus asked the Board to reconsider their decision.

Mrs. Allison Pace. Mrs. Pace spoke to the Board about her not being eligible to serve as a poll worker in the 2016 General Election based on her political comments posted on her social media page. Mrs. Pace stated that it was unfair and the Board should reconsider their decision. Mrs. Pace asked the Board were all poll workers social media accounts going to be investigated, because there are several persons that express their concerns about the upcoming election.

Mr. Milton Woods. Mr. Woods expressed his concerns about having equal representation at the voting precincts and every election.

Mr. Duane Swygert. Mr. Swygert thanked the Board and the Director for a job well done in the past eight years. Mr. Swygert stated he did not nor did the Republican Party ever receive any notices of complaints concerning any election. Mr. Swygert again, commended the Board and the Director for a job well done.

Mr. Chris Malphrus. Mr. Malphrus expressed his concerns that Mrs. Carmen Malphrus was not eligible to serve as a poll worker because it was thought they were related. Mr. Malphrus stated they are not related and he met Mrs. Malphrus for the first time during the Primary Election. Mr. Malphrus stated he was adopted and not related to Mrs. Malphrus.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Ronnie Malphrus, Finance Director, Poll Workers Application:

Mr. Malphrus reviewed and discussed the Poll Worker's application that Mrs. Davidson wanted to revise. Mr. Malphrus stated the following:

- Remove Mr./Ms/Mrs.
- Remove Date of Birth
- Remove Social Security Number
- Remove Access to Computer with Internet

Mr. Malphrus stated the I9 Form and the W4 Forms would still be necessary for Audit purposes. Mrs. Davidson stated she would make the necessary revisions to the poll worker's application. Vice Chairperson Williams commented the Board never agreed to have the poll worker's application revised and therefore this request should not be considered.

The Director stated to the Board there are several polling locations with Heating and Air problems. The Director asked the Board to start looking at other facilities to change the polling locations of Coosawhatchie (Community Center); Gillisonville (Old School); Ridgeland 3 (EMS Building). It was discussed and decided to be table this discussion until after the General Election.

The Director suggested to the Board renting a large truck to deliver the voting machines to the various polling locations. The Director stated currently the County provides this service using two pickup trucks. Using the pickup trucks is a problem when it rains, there is no way to protect the voting machines and the voting machines are NOT water proof. It was motioned by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Vice Chairperson Williams to have the Director meet with Mr. Ronnie Malphrus, Finance Director about funds to rent a truck. Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director informed the Board the correspondences in their packets where for their information only and no actions were needed.

The Director informed the Board of Mr. Wes Grady, Thomas Heyward Academy has requested permission for his Advance Placement class to visit various precincts on Election Day to observe the election process. The Director informed the Board she explained to Mr. Grady that would not be a problem, however, some precincts are smaller than others and space could be a problem.

The Director informed the Board SEC is looking into refurbishing our current voting machines to extend the life expectancy several parts will be replaced or upgraded maintenance contract will help with some cost, over all SEC will take on the majority of the cost.

Total Registered voters as of August 28, 2016: 17,380

Approval of Purposed Poll Workers Assignment: The Chairman stated for the record poll workers selection is not based on race and he wanted to make that very clear. The Chairman also explained he asked Vice Chairperson Williams along with two additional Board Members to assist the Director with the selection of Poll workers. The Board discussed poll worker 237 and 300 and the decision to allow these individuals to serve as poll workers in the upcoming November General Election. It was motioned by Mr. Catterton, seconded by Mr. Crosby to allow poll worker 237 to work at the assigned precinct for the General Election. (5) Yes, Mr. Arzillo; Mr. Crosby; Mr. Catterton; Mr. Tyler and Mrs. Davidson. (1) No, Mrs. Williams. Motion carried. Vice Chairperson Williams quoted *SC Law 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 fundraiser held for the benefit of a candidate. Violation of this subsection subjects the commissioner to removal by the Governor”*(see attachment). It was motioned by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mrs. Davidson to allow poll worker 300 to work at the assigned precinct for the General Election and move poll worker 293 to another precinct. (4) Yes; Mr. Arzillo; Mr. Crosby; Mr. Catterton and Mrs. Davidson; (1) No, Vice Chairperson Williams and (1) No Vote at All, Mr. Tyler. Motion carried. Motioned to approve the revised poll workers list Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mrs. Davidson. (4) Yes, Mr. Arzillo, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Crosby and Mr. Catterton. (1) No, Vice Chairperson Williams and (1) No Vote, Mr. Tyler. Motion carried.

The Director stated she has prepared a form for the Poll Watchers / Observers to read and sign to ensure they understand the Do’s and Don’ts of the law for Watchers / Observers.

The Director informed the Board Beaufort County IT personnel have agreed to assist Jasper with training on the EVRL. The Director stated she would like to see EVRL used in the following precincts for the upcoming General Election; Grahamville 2 and Sun City.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: The Chairman stated he did not have any discussion except to state the Board will continue to work to ensure we have a fair election. Mr. Crosby asked the Director do we know what the expected turnout would be for this election. The Director informed the Board we have more than enough poll workers to cover the large turnout that is anticipated, there will be persons to have resolution tables, persons to assist with queue management (long lines), etc.

BOARD ISSUES AND CONCERNS: It was asked what dates Poll Workers was Training. The Director gave the following dates: Saturday, October 15th and Saturday, October 29th at 9am and Friday, November 4th at 6pm.

TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Poll Workers Training
- Petition Issues
- EVRL

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned to adjourn by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, meeting adjourn at 6:35pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanine Bostick, Director

cc: File; Mr. Andy Fulghum, County Administrator; Mrs. Judy Frank, Clerk of Council;
Mrs. Helen Pittman, Delegation Clerk

SECTION 7-3-10. State Election Commission created; appointment; term; composition; vacancies; chairman; meetings; powers and duties.

(a) There is hereby created the State Election Commission composed of five members, at least one of whom shall be a member of the majority political party represented in the General Assembly and at least one of whom shall be a member of the largest minority political party represented in the General Assembly, to be appointed by the Governor to serve terms of four years and until their successors have been elected and qualify, except of those first appointed three shall serve for terms of two years. Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the original appointment.

(b) The Governor shall appoint one of the members to serve as chairman for a term of two years and until his successor has been appointed and qualifies. The Commission shall select such other officers from among its members as it may deem necessary.

(c) The commission shall meet at its offices in Columbia at least once each month or at such times as considered necessary by the commission. However, the commission may change the location of the meeting if the change is more convenient for the commission or any parties scheduled to appear before the commission.

(d) The Commission shall have the powers and duties as enumerated in this title.

(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.