

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION OF JASPER COUNTY
BOARD MINUTES**

MAY 12, 2016 - 5:00 P.M.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motioned by Commissioner Davidson to revise the agenda to move Public Comments to Item #7 and all other items in numerical order following after. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kemp. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned by Commissioner Davidson, seconded by Commissioner Kemp to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Milton Woods. Mr. Woods asked the Board if a notice would be put in the paper that there are no local races on the Republican Ballot. Chairman Arzillo explained to Mr. Woods, the Board would not put a notice in the papers regarding the Republican ballot. However, both Republican and Democratic sample ballots will be sent to the local newspapers.

Mr. John Shay. Mr. Shay was a poll worker for the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary held on February 20, 2016. Mr. Shay stated he worked at the Ridgeland 1 voting precinct and was very upset with the demeanor of the Poll Clerk. Mr. Shay stated the Poll Clerk was very rude and disrespectful to the point that he wanted to leave at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Shay stated that a few of the other poll workers convinced him to stay, explaining the Poll Clerk doesn't mean any harm and she is like that with everyone.

Mr. Arthur Murphy. Mr. Murphy commented that any illegal notices concerning any primary ballots would lead to a protest and in a Primary Election all protests are heard by the Political Parties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Commissioner Davidson to go into Executive Session regarding “Confidential Survey”. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kemp. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman stated publically for the record there were no votes taken while in Executive Session. Motioned to return out of Executive Session by Commission Kemp, seconded by Vice Chairperson Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: The Director informed the Board she spoke with Mr. Dale Terry of Public Works, Mr. Blanks of the Detention Center and Sheriff Jenkins concerning delivery the voting machines to the precincts prior to Election Day, it was a thought to have some trustees from the Detention Center to help with this process. Everyone stated that would do what they could to help make this happened. I explained to Mr. Terry the Board was hoping to have this done for every election. Mr. Terry could not commit to that service at this time, however, he would do what he could to assist Voter Registration with this task.

The Director informed the Board in their packets was the 2015 / 2016 Legislations that has passed or being reviewed by the Legislators in Columbia.

The Director distributed a revised list of the filing candidates for the 2016 Election due to candidate Alfred Williams, Jr. withdrawing his candidacy in the County Council Pocotaligo Township race.

The Director informed the Board County Council did approve funds for additional staff in the office to help with the upcoming Primary Election.

The Director informed the Board the City of Hardeeville Election was successful with no complaints.

The Director informed the Board 20 photo ids were taken at the Tarboro Community Festival and 5 registrations on April 16, 2016.

The Director informed the Board 2 photo ids were taken at the Palmetto Electric Coop Annual meeting and 2 registrations on May 7, 2016

Commissioner Rodney Catterton excused himself to attend a prior encouragement.

Total Registered Voters: 17,085 as of April 24, 2016.

Proposed Poll Workers List: The Board reviewed, discussed and revised the poll workers list for the upcoming June 14, 2016 Primary Election. After much discussion it was motioned by Commissioner Kemp, seconded by Vice Chairperson Williams to approve the list with revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: None

BOARD ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Commissioner Kemp gave a brief update of topics discussed at the 2016 Primary Workshop, poll workers pay being increased to \$75 on Election Day only and the talk of funding a new voting system, the Director stated the State has since suspended the option of a new voting system at this time and looking into options to enhance our current voting machines.

Commissioner Kemp asked the Director were there any updates on utilizing the office space next door to the Voter Registration office now that it's vacant. Chairman Arzillo stated he has sent an email to Mr. Fulghum informing him Voter Registration is very much interested in utilizing that space with the approval of County Council.

Commissioner Kemp stated he spoke to Councilwoman Clark about cameras in Voter Registration not working.

Commissioner Davidson asked the Director if she could put a date on the Poll Workers list before distributing to the Board to help identify the most current list. The Director stated a date of revision is at the top of every poll list.

Commissioner Kemp mentioned to the Board the need of a handicap sign at the Voter Registration office.

TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MEETING: a. Review the requirements to purchase additional voting machines based on the number of registered voters in Jasper County for the November General Election.

b. Continue the discussion of voting machines delivery service options prior to Election Day.

c. Discuss Queue Management (**managing lines at the precincts.**)

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business it was motioned by Commissioner Davidson, seconded by Commissioner Kemp to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanine Bostick, Director

cc: File

Mr. Andy Fulghum, County Administrator

Judy Frank, Clerk of Council

Helen Pittman, Clerk of Jasper Delegation