

**FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
AND VOTER REGISTRATION  
ACTION AGENDA**

*April 2, 2013  
5:00 p.m.*

**Board Members Present:** Addison Lester, Chairman  
Marilyn Watts  
Darryl Hicks

**Staff Present:** Tom Sawyer, Elections Supervisor  
April Crosby, Election Officer  
Beverly Westmoreland, Part-time Election Clerk

**Others in Attendance:** Dennis Davenport, Interim Attorney for Fayette  
County  
Tony Parrott

**A. 4:00 p.m. Training of the Knight of Columbus for the April Voter  
Registration Drives at the Fayette County High Schools.**

Training was conducted by Supervisor Sawyer. Chairman Lester swore in the  
Deputy Registrars.

**B. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Lester called the meeting to order AT 5:20 P.M. and all members were  
present.

**C. HEARINGS**

Officer, April Crosby, passed out the lists of deceased electors, felons, and  
potential voters who have moved out of state. She also explained to the Board  
that beginning April 8, 2013, a new system will be in place and we will receive  
reports differently from the Secretary of State. Supervisor Sawyer also explained  
to the Board about the new system and about the training the staff has just gone  
through the last week of March, 2013.

**1. DECEASED ELECTORS**

Chairman Lester made a motion to approve the list of deleted deceased electors

and Member Hicks seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

## **2. FELONS**

Member Watts made a motion and Member Hicks seconded to approve the list of deleted felon voters. **Motion carried 3-0.**

## **3. POTENTIAL VOTERS WHO HAVE MOVED OUT OF STATE**

Officer Crosby passed out list of potential voters who have moved out of state and said letters have been sent to all on the list. There was discussion as to how many responses to the letters have been received and how many letters were returned by the post office.

Chairman Lester asked for a motion to accept this list; Member Hicks made the motion to accept the potential voters who have moved out of state so they may be deleted from our records. Chairman Lester seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

## **D. OLD BUSINESS**

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BOARD MINUTES:**

**June 26, 2012**

**February 26, 2013**

Chairman Lester asked for motion to approve the June 26, 2012 minutes. Member Watts said she objects to the section of June 26, 2012 minutes that states a motion was made. Her recollection is that no motion was made.

Member Hicks made motion to accept the June 26, 2012 minutes. Chairman Lester seconded. **Motion carried 2 – 1** with Member Watts opposing.

Chairman Lester made motion to approve February 26, 2013 minutes and Member Watts seconded. **Motion carried 3 – 0.**

### **5. GEOA CONFERENCE: May 5-8, 2013 at Marriott Riverfront, Savannah,**

GA

Supervisor Sawyer gave over-view of information relating to the May 5 - 8, 2013 conference and its importance as very important topics will be discussed.

Member Hicks stated he will be unable to attend and Chairman Lester said he will let the Supervisor Sawyer know soon as to whether he will be able to attend.

**VRAG CONFERENCE:** August 11-14, 2013, Classic Center, Athens, GA  
Supervisor Sawyer spoke to the Board about this August 11-14, 2013 conference and gave the information that he has at this time.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. NEW VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM**

Supervisor Sawyer explained more regarding the new system to take effect on Monday, April 8, 2013.

**7. HB 143 – Ethics**

Supervisor Sawyer told the Board that this House Bill 143 passed the House last week. The responsibility will fall back on the county to handle campaign contributions reports and possibly to also handle implementing the fines.

**8. STORMWATER UTILITY OPTION – COUNTY-WIDE SPLOST**

There was further discussion about how the billing would take place back to the cities for their municipal elections when these elections are combined and conducted simultaneously with the county elections. Attorney Davenport advised the Board that there most likely will be a decision made this coming Friday, April 5, 2013 as to whether this SPLOST will be up for a vote.

Supervisor Sawyer said he will have a meeting with the Reapportionment Office on April 16, 2013. The hope is that the changes/reduction of the number of precincts for the county as well as the cities may be able to take place before the November 5, 2013 election.

**9. 2013 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RETREAT**

There was brief discussion about this upcoming retreat this Friday, April 5, 2013. Supervisor Sawyer will attend.

**F. OTHER BUSINESS**

Member Watts made motion that the Board of Election Meeting Minutes be made available to the Board via e-mail within 10 calendar days after each meeting and that the proposed agenda be e-mailed to the Board within 24 hours before Election Board meetings. Supervisor Sawyer agreed to that. Chairman Lester seconded and **motion carried 3-0.**

**G. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**H. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Attorney Davenport advised the Board that he has an item for Executive Session that involves pending litigation. Member Watts said if she is not needed for anything else, she would recuse herself and she then left the meeting.

Chairman Lester made motion to go into Executive Session; Member Hicks seconded and **motion carried 2 - 0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGAN**

**EXECUTIE SESSION ENDS**

Chairman Lester made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Member Hicks seconded and the **motion carried 2 – 0.**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Lester asked if there were any other items for consideration and there were none. He then made motion to adjourn and Member Hicks seconded. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.