

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

*April 23, 2013
5:00 p.m.*

Board Members Present: Addison Lester, Chairman
Marilyn Watts

Staff Present: Tom Sawyer, Elections Supervisor
Beverly Westmoreland, Part-time Election Clerk

Others in Attendance: Tony Parrott

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lester called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with Member Watts present and Member Hicks absent.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BOARD MINUTES:

April 2, 2013 (March)

Member Watts made motion to approve the April 2, 2013 minutes. Chairman Lester seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**2. GEOA CONFERENCE MAY 5 – 8, 2013 MARRIOTT RIVERFRONT
SAVANNAH, GA**

Supervisor Sawyer passed out information on the conference. He then told the Board that there is a possibility of a room becoming available to take another staff member, April Crosby, to the conference. Chairman Lester and Member Watts agreed that it would be good to take April Crosby if this is possible. There was further discussion about transportation to the conference.

3. VRAG CONFERENCE AUGUST 11 – 14, 2013 ATHENS, GA

Supervisor Sawyer discussed with the Board about the budgeting for this conference which will be a part of the FY 2014 budget.

C. NEW BUSINESS

4. HOUSE BILL – 143 ETHICS

Supervisor Sawyer said that he will give the Board members a more recent copy of this House Bill 143 before they leave. There was further discussion as to how this transfer will take place. Supervisor Sawyer said that per the ACCG, that once the Governor signs it, this new legislation is scheduled to take place January 1, 2014.

Supervisor Sawyer then said he would like to skip to the “Reprecincting Meeting With Reapportionment Office” part of the agenda.

8. REPRECINCTING MEETING WITH REAPPORTIONMENT OFFICE ON APRIL 16, 2013

Supervisor Sawyer passed out a copy of the current map and a list of the current names of precincts that are being used. He then passed out a copy of the proposed redistricting lines and a list of the proposed names for these proposed redistricted precincts. He gave the Board information on the current number of voters in each precinct. He said he will be doing more research on this project.

Member Watts said it is important to keep the old names because of the historical meaning of the names.

Chairman Lester and Member Watts said as we go forward, it is important to stay in touch with the municipalities because of future annexation plans.

5. REVIEW OF FY 2014 BUDGET

Supervisor Sawyer passed out information on the budget and the breakdown of salaries and election costs. He explained to the Board how the breakdown was done taking into account early voting locations and the possibility of adding another early voting location in North Fayette County for the July 2014 Primary Election. There was more discussion as to what location this would be in North Fayette County.

There was further discussion of the budget relating to the cost of post cards and postage when the redistricting project takes place. Also, there was discussion about how the reduction of poll workers due to the redistricting will affect the budget.

Chairman Lester asked Supervisor Sawyer if there was anything unusual about this budget proposal. Supervisor Sawyer said no.

Supervisor Sawyer said he had budgeted for 6 people to attend a combined GEOA and VRAG conference in 2014 to be held in Augusta, GA. He also discussed with the Board a new policy on expenses which are incurred for food and gas when attending conferences. A “per diem” policy will be implemented. The need for receipts will be eliminated.

Chairman Lester asked if any action was needed. Member Watts moved to approve the budget and to add the mailing costs for the redistricting project. Chairman Lester seconded. **Motion carried 2 – 0.**

6. REPORT FROM 2013 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RETREAT

Supervisor Sawyer told the Board that there are changes to the County purchasing policy and also possible changes to the County retirement plan.

Another item discussed at the retreat was a policy on social media which will be possibly implemented soon.

7. STORMWATER COUNTY-WIDE SPLOST

There was discussion regarding the proposed SPLOST.

Chairman Lester asked Supervisor Sawyer when a decision on the date the SPLOST will take place. Supervisor Sawyer said it is still being discussed and if it is approved, we will go forward.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Lester asked if there was any other business to discuss. There was none.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Lester asked if there were any comments.
There was none.

F. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Chairman Lester asked if there were other items for consideration. There were none.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lester then made motion to adjourn and Member Watts seconded. **Motion was made to adjourn and motion carried 2-0.**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.