

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

*May 28, 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  
Brenda Jones, Election Officer  
Beverly Westmoreland, Part-time Election Clerk

**Others in Attendance:** Dennis Davenport, Interim Attorney for Fayette Co.  
Deborah Dickinson  
Anne Lewis, Attorney  
Alberta Lucas  
Tony Parrott  
Peggy Perkins  
Lane Watts

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. ANNE LEWIS & DENNIS DAVENPORT**

**1. Discussion of Redrawing of voting precincts to reduce number of voting precincts and to consolidate City and County Voting areas.**

**2. Discussion of Ruling of Judge Timothy Batten for District Voting.**

Attorney Davenport said that pending litigation requires the Board to go into Executive Session for the discussion of these items.

The Board members agreed to handle the rest of the agenda first before going into Executive Session.

## C. HEARINGS

### 3. Deceased Voters

### 4. Felon Voters

Election Officer Crosby presented the lists of deleted deceased voters and the deleted felon voters to the Board for approval. Chairman Lester explained to the group present that every month we get a list from the Secretary of State of convicted felons and those who have died, and the Board takes action to remove them from the roll. Chairman Lester asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board and there were none. After perusing the lists, Chairman Lester moved to accept both reports and Member Hicks seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

## D. OLD BUSINESS

### 5. Approval of the April 23, 2013 (April) Board Meeting Minutes.

Member Hicks moved to accept the minutes of April 23, 2013 and Member Watts seconded. **The motion carried 3-0.**

### 6. VRAG Conference, August 11-14, 2013 to be held at the Classic Center in Athens, GA.

Supervisor Sawyer informed the Board that he is scheduling for five people to attend this conference. He also told the Board the current plans are to stay at The Game Day in Athens. He gave the Board an update on this upcoming conference saying that one session will be on the new ElectionNet system software which will be valuable information with the upcoming election.

## E. NEW BUSINESS

### 7. Qualifying Fees Distributed by Secretary of State to Counties

Supervisor Sawyer informed the Board that \$4,966.81 was put in the General Fund for the County from last year's qualifying fees.

### 8. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fayette Face to Face, June 12, 2013 from 10: 00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Supervisor Sawyer gave the Board an overview of this upcoming Face to Face event to be held at The Fayette County Library. Every Department will be involved in this event. The Elections Office will have a display for citizens coming to this event as well as staff there to answer any questions and offer information. The plans are to have a desktop

computer to show citizens how to go into the MY VOTER PAGE. He also welcomed the members of the Board to participate in this important event for Fayette County.

**9. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreements with Fayetteville, Peachtree City, Tyrone and Woolsey**

Supervisor Sawyer informed the Board that he has the agreements from Tyrone, Woolsey and Fayetteville. The exception is Peachtree City and they have it on their agenda for June 6, 2013. Also, Brooks will be sending theirs back. When all agreements have been turned, he will present them to the Board of Commissioners. This will probably take place by the middle of June.

Member Watts made motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreements for Tyrone, Woolsey and Fayetteville; Member Hicks seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**F. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Chairman Lester asked if there were any other items for consideration. Attorney Lewis asked the Board why the Elections Office handled city elections. The Board explained that the cities would have to go through training and attend Election Conferences in order to conduct their own elections. There were no more items for consideration.

Attorney Davenport asked that the meeting go into Executive Session.

Chairman Lester made a motion to go into Executive Session. Member Hicks seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**(EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PENDING ITEM OF LITIGATION)**

The meeting went into Executive Session. Attorney Anne Lewis briefed the Board on pending litigation. **No action was taken.**

Chairman Lester moved to come out of Executive Session; Member Hicks seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**G. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Watts made a motion to adjourn the May meeting of the Elections and Voter Registration Board at approximately 6:00 p.m. and Chairman Lester seconded. The **motion carried 3-0.**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.