

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

ACTION AGENDA

January 30, 2014

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

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

Others in Attendance: Tony Parrott

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lester called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. All Board Members were present.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Watts made motion to approve the January 30, 2014 Agenda; Member Hicks seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

C. HEARING

1. DECEASED VOTERS

Supervisor Sawyer presented the list of the cancelled deceased voters to the Board for approval. After perusal of the list, Chairman Lester made motion to approve the list of deceased voters. Member Hicks seconded. **Motion carried.**

2. FELONS

Supervisor Sawyer presented the list of cancelled and deleted felons from the Elections List to the Board for approval. Member Hicks made motion to approve the list of cancelled felons and Member Watts seconded. **Motion carried.**

D. MEETING WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY – DENNIS DAVENPORT

Dennis Davenport was not in attendance so this item was postponed.

3. PROPOSED MAPS – DISTRICT VOTING

The Board looked over the proposed district map for Fayette County. They discussed the elected officials who are up for re-election. The proposed plan is for the districts to be the same for the Fayette County Board of Education and the Fayette County Commission.

4. SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014, 3:00 P.M.

Supervisor Sawyer told the Board that originally the Board of Commissioners were to have met on January 28, 2014, 4:00 P.M. but due to the snow, the meeting was rescheduled for February 4, 2014, 3:00 P.M. . The topic was to discuss a matter of pending litigation. There was to be a discussion regarding a proposed map of the Fayette County Commission and School Board District from the Federal District Court - Judge Timothy Batten.

E. OLD BUSINESS

5. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BOARD MINUTES:

NOVEMBER 26, 2013 (NOVEMBER)

Member Hicks made motion to approve the November 26, 2013 minutes. Chairman Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

6. COMBINED CONFERENCE – GEOA/VRAG – MARCH 30 – APRIL 2, 2014

- **REGISTRATION TO START FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

Supervisor Sawyer gave the Board information regarding the Combined Conference to be held in Augusta, GA. He said he will be making reservations for 8 people to attend. Plans are to leave for this conference on Sunday, March 30.

F. NEW BUSINESS

7. FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – PRESS RELEASE – ONE OPEN POSITION ON THE FAYETE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

- 1. Appointment of Addison Lester will expire on January 31, 2014.**

Supervisor Sawyer told the Board that Commissioners Steve Brown and Randy Ognio will be the screening committee for this position. Chairman Lester said he plans to re-apply for his position on the Board of Elections.

2. Governor's appointment of the Honorable Jason B. Thompson to Judge, Court of Fayette County to expire December 31, 2014.

Supervisor Sawyer explained to the Board about Jason Thompson's appointment made to complete the term of Carla McMillan and this is why he will be running for election to reclaim his seat.

8. GEORGIA STATE ELECTION BOARD WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014 – 9:30 A.M. – PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BUILDING, EXAM ROOM B, 237 COLSEUM DRIVE, MACON, GA 31217

Supervisor Sawyer gave the Board information concerning this State Election Board Meeting which they are welcome to attend.

9. PASSAGE OF HB 310

There was discussion about how this House Bill 310 will affect the dates of the state and local election calendars for 2014.

Supervisor Sawyer mentioned that this office has now begun handling the Candidates' Personal Financial Disclosure and the Campaign Disclosure reports as of January 1, 2014.

10. APPROVAL TO HOLD A SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR ELECTION ON THE GENERAL BALLOT ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014. APPROVAL FOR ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.

Discussion followed regarding this item.

Member Hicks made motion to put this position on the ballot. Member Watts seconded.
Motion carried.

11. APPROVAL FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO CONDUCT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES AT THE 6 HIGH SCHOOLS IN FAYETTE COUNTY PER SCHEDULE ATTACHED – APRIL.

Member Watts made motion to approve this voter registration drive with the stipulation the Knights of Columbus hold their voter registration drive on or before April 21st in order to meet the voter registration deadline for the May 20, 2014 primary election. (Supervisor Sawyer will notify the Knight of Columbus of this request.) Member Hicks seconded.
Motion carried.

12. APPROVAL FOR LARRIS J. MARKS TO CONDUCT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES AT THE 5 PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN FAYETTE COUNTY PER SCHEDULE ATTACHED – SEPTEMBER.

There was some discussion about future training for this drive. Chairman Lester made motion to approve the above voter registration drive. Member Watts seconded. **Motion carried.**

13. APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR EASYFILE

Supervisor Sawyer said Steve Rapson, the County Administrator, had given his approval for this expenditure. The Board had been given a copy of the sales proposal for EasyFile to approve.

Chairman Lester made motion to approve this proposal with the exception of clarification of installation costs. Member Watts seconded. **Motion carried.**

14. NOTICE OF QUALIFYING FEES – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Supervisor Sawyer had given the Board a copy of the “Notice of Established Qualifying Fees” to peruse.

There was some discussion of these fees.

G. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was none.

I. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There was none.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lester made motion to adjourn at approximately 6:00. Member Hicks seconded. **Motion carried.**

The next Board meeting will be February 25, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.