

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Darryl Hicks, Chairman
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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Floyd L Jones, Director
April Crosby, Elections Supervisor
Brian Hill, County Registrar



140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

ACTION AGENDA

April 24, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Elections. Your participation is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are generally held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman to Call the Meeting to Order

Chairman Lester called the April 24, 2018 Board of Elections meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. It was noted that Mr. Wright was running late and would be joining the meeting in progress.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Hicks moved to approve the Agenda as published. Chairman Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright not present for the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one spoke during Public Comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consideration of staff's request to approve the March 29, 2018 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes.

Director Jones informed the Board of a correction to the minutes. Mr. Hicks moved to approve the March 29, 2018 Board of Elections Meeting Minutes. Chairman Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright not present for the vote.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as deceased.

Director Jones pointed out that the deceased list was provided on three pages rather than the traditional one page since the list was now being updated on a weekly basis rather than on a monthly basis, with a page representing a week.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to staff's recommendation.

Mr. Hicks moved to approve staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as deceased. Chairman Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright not present for the vote. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

3. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as felons.

Director Jones stated that the felons list would remain as a one page report since the felons are provided to the office on a monthly basis. The Board noted that one felon was on the list twice. County Registrar Brian Hill explained the reason the felon was on the list two times was because he had two different addresses.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to staff's recommendation.

Chairman Lester moved to approve staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as felons. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright not present for the vote. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no Consent Agenda items on the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no Old Business items on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Presentation from Fayette County's Chief Information Officer, Phil Frieder, pertaining to cyber-security awareness both in Fayette County government and in the Elections Office.

Fayette County's Chief Information Officer, Phil Frieder, introduced himself by providing his credentials and qualifications for discussing this matter. He spoke for 55 minutes and answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Wright joined the meeting at 5:08 p.m. while Mr. Frieder was giving his introductory remarks.

Mr. Frieder stated that threats begin with people and that the first line of defense included these four ingredients:

- Sound Principles
- Well-Trained Staff
- State-of-the-Art Protection, and
- Prevention Systems

He stated that nearly every breach, to the tune of between 60% - 70%, involves people. He suggested that proper training, administrative buy-in, and effective discipline are ways to enhance cyber-security. Mr. Frieder then spoke about how these ingredients work together to secure the county systems and, to a lesser degree, secure the Election's systems.

Mr. Wright asked Mr. Frieder about resources could be utilized. Mr. Frieder replied that MS Isaac would be a good resource, but it was a one-size-fits-all answer. He suggested there could be better answers, but that MS Isaac would work with the county.

Mr. Wright further suggested that state-mandated security procedures are reviewed in conjunction to what the county is already doing in order to ensure, as best as possible that there are no security gaps in the systems. Mr. Hicks added that Director Jones should contact the state to see if they are working with the Department of Homeland Security to determine if the election process is secure. Chairman Lester stated that the bottom line is that the Board wanted to know where the greatest weakness is as it concerns where the state meets the county in its technological security systems. Mr. Frieder concluded that his big goal both from the perspective of the county and as a citizen is to educate and empower the leaders to understand that the digital world is invisible, that if technology is implemented then the county needs to ensure that it is good stewards not only of the citizens' money but also of the citizens' data.

The Board did not provide further direction and did not vote on this matter. A copy of this request, identified as "Attachment 3," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

5. Discussion pertaining to the current practice of training and deputizing Deputy Registrars.

Director Jones discussed a new methodology on training and deputizing Deputy Registrars, and he answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Hicks moved to approve the Version 2012 Registration Rules and Procedures Policy. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Director Jones asked for those who have taken the training should the oaths be allowed to expire or should they be ended. It was agreed that the oaths would come to an end one way or the other. It was agreed the County Attorney would be asked about whether to let the oaths expire as well.

Mr. Wright further asked if information could be gathered on how many other counties issue badges to those who request the training. Director Jones said he would put the question on Firefly to gather information.

6. Discussion regarding the daily / hourly rate of pay of the Absentee staff.

Director Jones discussed the daily and hourly rate of pay of Absentee staff with the Board, and he answered Board questions.

The Board agreed to have this item return to the next Agenda in order to get the attorney's opinion. The Board did not vote on this option.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Update on the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget: Director Jones briefed the Board on changes to the Fiscal Year 2019 budget request.

Update on the County Retreat: Director Jones briefed the Board on the recently held County Commission Retreat.

Marilyn Watts: Director Jones stated that former Board of Elections member Marilyn Watts passed away on Saturday, April 21. He reported that there had been no word on any arrangements.

Leaving Early: Director Jones stated he would be leaving work early on Thursday since he had received an invitation to attend an early screening of *Marvel's Avengers: Infinity Wars* movie at the Fox Theater in Atlanta. He said the invitation allowed for him to bring a guest and he had chosen to take his son, Samuel, with him.

County Registrar Brian Hill: Director Jones stated that County Registrar Brian Hill is doing great and it appears he is the right man for the job. The Board agreed that he appears to be very knowledgeable and was very likeable. Mr. Jones stated he had received an invitation to speak to the Democratic Woman's Committee in June about voter registration questions. He said he had agreed to attend and speak, but then the schedule was changed to have him speak on April 21. Mr. Jones stated that he was unable to speak on April 21 due to family commitments so the Democratic Women's Committee had asked for Mr. Hicks to speak, but Mr. Hicks was unable to

speak due to prior commitments as well. Mr. Jones stated that he was able to send Mr. Hill to speak to the committee and that the feedback he received from Mr. Hill's speech was outstanding.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

There was no Attorney's Reports.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Best Practices: Chairman Lester reminded the Board that it needs to provide feedback to Mr. Jones regarding their thoughts on best practices learned at the recent GEOA / VRAG Conference. The Board agreed to provide the feedback.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hicks moved to adjourn the April 24, 2018 Board of Elections meeting. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The April 24, 2018 Board of Elections meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Director

Addison Lester, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Elections of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 25th day of May 2018. Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.

Floyd L. Jones, Director