CLAYTON BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Regular Business Meeting February 16, 2016
4:00 P.M.

SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Dorothy Hall, Vice-Chairman Patricia Pullar, Board Member Harry Osborne, Board Member George Sligh, Interim Director Laterrial Francis and Clerk Allison Ruotolo. ABSENT: Secretary Ruth Ash.

1. Chairman Hall called the meeting to order.

2. Moment of silence observed.

3. Amended the agenda by adding a discussion item for the Board's consideration of an increase in compensation/stipend for the Board of Elections and Registration for each meeting. Vote unanimous. Motion by Vice-Chairman Pullar, second by Board Member Osborne, to adopt the agenda as amended. Vote unanimous.

4. Approved the January 19, 2016 Regular Business Meeting minutes and the February 11, 2016 Special Called Business Meeting minutes. Vote unanimous.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business:
   - A. Director's Report.
   - B. Vote on Recommendation of the Director of Elections.
   - C. Election Day Judge.
   - D. Vote Review Panel.
   - E. Hearing to Remove Deceased Voters from Elector's List. (If available)
   - F. Hearing to Remove Returned Mail of Deceased Voters. (If available)
   - G. Hearing to Remove Felons from Elector's List. (If available)

7. Interim Director Francis stated there are currently 158,331 registered voters in Clayton County.

8. Ms. Francis stated as of today, Tuesday, February 16, 2016, the office has mailed out 276 ballots; and issued 20 electronic ballots and 501 in-person ballots.

9. Ms. Francis stated Judge Benefield would be on duty for the March 1, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary.

10. Ms. Francis stated the vote review panel will include Larry Bussey and Della Ashley. Board Member Sligh volunteered to serve on the vote review panel for the March 1, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary.

11. Ms. Francis stated that Maxine Hicks will serve as the exit poll clerk for JB14 at Suder Elementary School. Ms. Renz of Edison Research and Lois Wright, JB14 Poll Manager, have been notified.

12. Ms. Francis stated that a packet of election workers for the March 1, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary has been presented to the Board.

13. Ms. Francis stated that four members of the election team received their second certification from the Secretary of State this morning.

14. Ms. Francis asked the Board what time they would like to certify and consolidate the election results on March 4, 2016.

The Board agreed to certifying and consolidating the election returns at 4:30 p.m. at the Elections Center.

15. Ms. Francis asked the Board what time they would like to swear in the poll workers on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

The Board agreed to swear in the poll workers at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the Election Center.

16. Board Member Osborne asked Ms. Francis about an email she sent out January 26, 2016 about not having adequate time for Sunday Voting.

Ms. Francis stated that Sunday Voting was suggested after the January meeting and there was not adequate time to present Sunday Voting to the Board.

Board Member Osborne stated that he thought the Board should have been presented an opportunity for Sunday Voting because he is strongly in favor of Sunday Voting. He thinks it is almost a form of voter suppression not to have Sunday Voting. He hates that this Board is seemingly in a position of not authorizing Sunday Voting when he thinks it is clearly within the Board's mandate to handle the elections for Clayton County. He is a little upset about it and believes that Sunday Voting is very important.

Vice-Chairman Pullar recommended implementing a policy regarding Sunday Voting.

Board Member Osborne asked if Vice-Chairman Pullar would consider accepting an amendment rather than stating it as a policy, to the extent possible, that this Board authorize and call for Sunday Voting in all future elections held in Clayton County. If anything more is necessary, that it be brought to the attention of the Board so that it can be enacted for any particular election.

Vice-Chairman Pullar stated that the amendment going forward is the Elections Director will submit to the Board in a timely fashion the decision as to whether or not there will be Sunday Voting for any election.

Board Member Osborne added that with it being understood, that absent that, we would have Sunday Voting unless the Elections Director recommended otherwise and the Board enacted it.

Approved to enact Sunday Voting unless otherwise the Elections Director submits to the Board a rationale for having or not having Sunday Voting. Vote unanimous.

17. Interim Director Francis stated that she would like to personally and publicly thank the Board for allowing her to serve as Interim Director. It has truly been her pleasure and she has enjoyed every bit of it.

18. Approved the appointment of Shauna Dozier as Elections Director with a salary of $83,113 and start date of March 7, 2016 pending a background check and the ratification by the Board of Commissioners. Motion passed 3-0. Vice-Chairman Pullar abstained.

19. Approved the list of deceased voters to be removed from the electors' list by Board hearing. Vote unanimous.

20. Board Member Osborne asked for the consideration of the Board in setting a policy regarding the removal of electors from the electors' list regarding a law suit against the Georgia Secretary of State's office pending further research, investigation, and legal consultation.

21. Vice-Chairman Pullar asked the Board to consider an increase in the stipend they receive based on the level of work the Board does and to come in line with other Boards of the County in terms of their stipend.

22. Approved the list of felons to be removed from the electors' list by Board hearing. Vote unanimous.

23. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Alice Mabone of 605 Wellington Way, Jonesboro, GA 30238 requested the Board to consider a raise in pay on behalf of the Clayton County Poll Workers.

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There being no further business, motion by Board Member Sligh, second by Vice-Chairman Pullar to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 4:56 p.m. Vote unanimous.

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GEORGE SLIGH, BOARD MEMBER

HARRY A. OSBORNE, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

ALLISON R. RUOTOLO, CLERK