

Monday, May 5, 2008

The Graham County Board of Elections met for an Absentee meeting Monday, May 5, 2008 at 5:30pm at the Board of Elections office at 18 Court Street, Robbinsville, NC. Present were Chairman Colvard and Secretary Odom. Chairman Colvard called the meeting to order.

1. Secretary Odom made a motion to amend the agenda to include pay for Michael Woods and mileage for Director Farley's truck which will be used in setting up and taking down precincts, as well as approval of Curtis Griggs as a Judge in the East Ward and Sharon Huffman as an Assistant in the East Ward. Chairman Colvard seconded the motion.
2. Chairman Colvard attended the Board of Commissioners meeting today and asked for a raise for poll workers. Starting on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 the Chief Judges will make \$10 an hour, Judges will make \$9.50 an hour, and Assistants will make \$8.50 an hour. This was approved four to one, all ayes except for Eugene Trull who voted no. Mr. Trull said he didn't have a problem with it but that the Board of Elections should have been working on it before instead of coming and asking for it at the last minute. Secretary Odom went on the record saying he appreciated Chairman Colvard going before the Commissioners and getting the raise for the poll workers. He thinks she did an excellent job. He would also like to say he disagrees with Commissioner Trull's comments and that the Board of Elections and the staff have been working for several months trying to get enough workers for this Election.
3. Board reviewed absentee requests, returned absentee mail, and One Stop applications. Secretary Odom made a motion to approve absentee requests 38 and 39. Chairman Colvard seconded the motion. Secretary Odom made a motion to approve returned Absentee Mail ballots 11, 14, 17-20, 22, 26-28, 31-36, and 39. Chairman Colvard seconded the motion. Secretary Odom made a motion to approve One Stop applications 100-84 through 100-216 and 102-139 through 102-300 with the exception of 102-287 which was cancelled at the voter's request. Chairman Colvard seconded the motion.
4. Secretary Odom made a motion to approve the minutes from April 29, 2008. Chairman Colvard seconded the motion.
5. After some discussion, the Board decided to keep the salary for Michael Woods at \$8.50 an hour for setting up the precincts until it can be brought to the Commissioners for an increase in the future.

6. Secretary Odom made a motion to approve Curtis Griggs as a Judge for the East Ward, in the absence of Doris Anderson who was unable to work due to illness, with the stipulation that it is to be a temporary appointment only for the Primary Election and that Ms. Anderson would return as Judge in the fall. Chairman Colvard seconded the motion. Secretary Odom made a motion to approve Sharon Huffman as a worker in the East Ward. Chairman Colvard seconded the motion. Chairman Colvard made a motion to approve Roma Myers and Linda Shope as substitute Republican workers, if needed, for any precinct except Tapoco due to family members working there. Secretary Odom seconded the motion.
7. Secretary Odom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Colvard seconded the motion.

Juanita Colvard, Chairman

Steve Odom, Secretary