

Monday, October 1, 2007

The Graham County Board of Elections met Monday, October 1, 2007 at 5pm in the Board of Elections Office at 438 Rodney Orr Bypass, Robbinsville, NC. Present were Chairman Cody, Secretary Odom, and Member Colvard. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order.

1. Secretary Odom made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of item number twelve regarding old voter booths and the addition of the August 20, 2007 minutes for approval. Member Colvard seconded this motion. Vote was unanimous by Board.
2. No public comment.
3. Chairman Cody made a motion to table original item number 3 regarding approval of meeting minutes until the next meeting. Member Colvard seconded the motion. Board decided to change item number 3 on the agenda to email policy for this meeting. Member Colvard made the motion that all emails be forwarded from Director Farley to Secretary Odom. Secretary Odom would then be responsible for sending the other Board Members emails he felt they should see. After discussion with Chairman Cody, motion was amended to state that Director Farley should also not delete any emails from her computer in the event that the Board may need to review them. Secretary Odom said that he felt Director Farley should be able to decide which emails the Board needed to see and forward them accordingly. Vote was unanimous by Board.
4. Board reviewed voter lists.
5. Secretary Odom made a motion to take a brief recess. Member Colvard seconded this motion. Vote was unanimous by Board. Member Colvard made the motion to reconvene the meeting.
6. Member Colvard made the motion to adopt the resolution for the early count of Absentee votes. Secretary Odom seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous by Board.
7. Director Farley went over poll worker training with the Board. Chairman Cody and Secretary Odom agreed to let Member Colvard and Director Farley determine the date of the training.
8. Director Farley went over election supplies needed. The Board was shown different options for provisional boxes and other boxes needed to make ballots more secure in transport to precincts. Secretary Odom made the motion to table the issue for further research. Member Colvard seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous by Board. Director Farley also provided information to the Board regarding new signage. Chairman Cody made the motion to have Director Farley put together a package containing pricing information for what is needed. Member Colvard seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous by Board.
9. Director Farley provided the Board with budget information for August and September. Chairman Cody discussed the need to write a letter to the Commissioners explaining that due to the unexpected referendum, the Board of Elections would be over budget. This can be done after the referendum to show the cost accurately.

10. Director Farley requested approval from the Board to place an ad in the paper informing the public about same day registration. Chairman Cody approved this on the condition that it was big enough for people to see and read easily.
11. Secretary Odom reviewed the Chapel Hill training session for the other Board members. Secretary Odom inquired as to possibly working with the school to do a mock election in the spring. Chairman Cody discussed the possibility of retaining an attorney for the Board of Elections. The Board discussed using the County attorney. Member Colvard stated that she felt the Board should seek their own council. Chairman Cody stated that he would like to check with McKinney and Tallant to see their availability and rates, and that he would like to check with other firms as well. Secretary Odom stated that he felt the Board should use the County attorney. Chairman Cody made a motion to email Mr. Sawyer and Mr. McKinney to ask if they would be willing to work for the Board and what their rates would be. Member Colvard seconded the motion. Vote was two for and one against. Motion carried by majority vote.
12. Member Colvard made the motion to dispose of the old voter booths stored at the Transportation Office. Chairman Cody seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous by Board.
13. Member Colvard made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Odom seconded the motion. Vote unanimous by Board.

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Dirk Cody, Chairman

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Steve Odom, Secretary

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Juanita Colvard, Member