

Monday, November 5, 2007

The Graham County Board of Elections met Monday, November 5, 2007 at 5pm in the Board of Elections office at 438 Rodney Orr Bypass, Robbinsville, NC. Present were Board Members Dirk Cody, Juanita Colvard, and Steve Odom. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order.

1. Member Colvard made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of items five and six. Chairman Cody seconded this motion. Secretary Odom voted against approval. Motion carried by majority vote.
2. No public comment
3. Member Colvard made the motion to approve Absentee Applications numbered 136-253. Secretary Odom seconded this motion. Vote was unanimous by Board.
4. Member Colvard made the motion to approve the August 21, 2007 minutes with typo (s) removed. Secretary Odom seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous by Board. Member Colvard made the motion to approve the September 4, 2007 minutes. Secretary Odom seconded the motion. Vote unanimous by Board. Member Colvard made the motion to approve the September 10, 2007 minutes. Secretary Odom seconded this motion. Vote unanimous by Board. Member Colvard made the motion to approve the September 15, 2007 minutes not included in the list on the agenda. Secretary Odom seconded this motion. Vote was unanimous by Board. After some discussion regarding the minutes of the October 1, 2007 Board meeting, Secretary Odom made the motion to table the approval of the minutes until the recording of said meeting could be heard. Member Colvard seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous by Board. Member Colvard made the motion to approve the October 17, 2007 minutes as written. Secretary Odom seconded this motion. Vote was unanimous by Board. Member Colvard made a motion to approve the October 19, 2007 minutes. Secretary Odom seconded this motion. Vote was unanimous by Board. After some discussion regarding the minutes of the October 23, 2007 meeting, it was agreed that some of the wording should be changed on item number two. Minutes should read that the "Board approved and signed Absentee applications" instead of "Board needs to approve and sign." Changes should also be made to the October 30, 2007 minutes, on item number seven regarding the hours to be worked by temporary office help. It should be noted that the temporary employee is to work regular office hours with the exception of Election Day instead of the same hours as the Director.
5. Chairman Cody made the motion to retain McKinney & Tallant as official attorneys for the Graham County Board of Elections and opened the floor for discussion of that subject. Member Colvard seconded the motion. Chairman Cody stated that some of the Commissioners would prefer that the Board of

Elections have their own council. Secretary Odom is not in favor. Motion carried by majority vote.

6. After discussion by the Board, Chairman Cody made a motion to hire a Deputy Director of Elections on a permanent part time basis. Member Colvard seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous by Board. Chairman Cody made the motion to have Member Colvard speak with County Clerk Jan Millsaps regarding running an ad in the paper for four weeks, and applications can be picked up and dropped off through her office for the Deputy Director position. Secretary Odom seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous by Board.
7. Chairman Cody made the motion that Director Farley should send Board Members only the emails she feels they should see. Director Farley should make a paper copy of all other emails and should not delete any. Member Colvard seconded the motion. The Board discussed setting Director Farley's GMail account up in Outlook Express in order to have read receipts.
8. Secretary Odom made the motion that Chairman Cody speak with Sandra Lewis in regards to making the East Ward more accessible for any handicapped or disabled voters. Member Colvard seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous by Board.
9. Chairman Cody made a motion to put the no-campaigning line at the bottom of the steps by the war memorial at the East Ward instead of where it had previously been. Member Colvard seconded the motion. Vote unanimous by Board.
10. Chairman Cody made a motion to approve the instructions to the voter for the Referendum. Member Colvard seconded this motion. Secretary Odom opposed. Motion passed by majority vote.
11. The Board verified that provisional boxes were empty. Boxes were stacked in a corner in no particular order and locked by motion made by Secretary Odom, seconded by Chairman Cody, and made unanimous by Member Colvard.
12. Chairman Cody made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Colvard 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