

The Graham County Board of Elections met Friday, December 7, 2007 at 2pm in the Board of Elections Office at 18 Court Street, 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. Member Colvard seconded the motion. Vote unanimous by Board.
2. No public comment.
3. Board reviewed voter stats.
4. After reviewing previous minutes, it was mentioned that a change be made to the November 5 minutes on item number 6 to reflect the correct wording concerning the picking up and dropping off of applications. Member Colvard made a motion to approve the minutes with the change to the November 5 minutes. Secretary Odom seconded the motion. Vote unanimous by Board.
5. After reviewing the budget, the Board asked Director Farley to break down the cost of the referendum so that it could be presented to the Board of Commissioners for a budget amendment.
6. After some discussion, it was decided that a quorum of Board members should sign off on the time sheets.
7. Secretary Odom began the Election discussion by suggesting that there be one table with two people set up to handle provisional ballots in order to help prevent mistakes. Secretary Odom also addressed the issue of poll workers leaving during the Election and the procedure for allowing poll workers to take restroom breaks. Secretary Odom brought up the issue of voters coming to the office on Election Day to find out where they vote and misunderstandings that arose because of this. Discussion followed on how to inform voters as to their proper precinct.
8. Member Colvard addressed the issue of poll workers using cell phones while working. Member Colvard also suggested that the voter list needs to be reviewed for errors before Election Day. Member Colvard stated that the ballot count was wrong for every precinct except Tapoco. Discussion followed on how to improve the ballot auditing system in order to prevent mistakes. Member Colvard addressed the issue of provisional voter training. Member Colvard also stated that the phone lines should be checked to make sure they are working properly before the Election.
9. Chairman Cody felt that the workers did not have enough confidence and that changes should be made to the training to better inform poll workers.

10. Office hours were discussed. It was decided that the office should remain open part time until budget issues were resolved.
11. Secretary Odom made a motion to accept the only application/applicant turned in for the Deputy Director position. Chairman Cody made a motion to run the ad for two more weeks. Member Colvard seconded Chairman Cody's motion to run the ad for two more weeks.

Member Colvard made a 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