Beaufort County Council

Board of Elections & Registration
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Minutes from the Beaufort County Board of Canvassers
June 10, 2010
11:00 a.m.
15 John Galt Rd, Beaufort SC

Meeting was called to order by Ron Clifford, Chairman, at 11:05. The Oath was administered to Mr. Clifford by Mr. Marshall, the Executive Director. Mr. Clifford administered the Oath to the board members and Marie Smalls, Acting Secretary.

The Pledge of allegiance was lead by Mr. Dean Hewitt.

Board Members Present:

Ron Clifford, Chairman
James Rowe
Ellen Bray
Emile Bernard
Dean Hewitt
Marilyn Caprielian, Vice Chairman
Rupert Williams

Staff Members Present:

Scott Marshall, Executive Director
Eric Montgomery, Programmer
Marie Smalls, Deputy Director

Public Present:

Norma Stewart
Blaine Lotz, Chair – Beaufort County Democratic Party
Marty Caprielian

Mr. Lotz commented that this was his first meeting and was pleased to be there.

Mr. Marshall then stated that the purpose of the meeting was to certify the Republican and Democratic Primary results of June 8, 2010. There were 31 provisional/failsafe ballots to be reviewed by the Board. Seal Number 0338525 was broken away from the transfer case used to secure the ballots. The ballots were as follows:

Precinct Burton 1C:

- Melissa Emory - was issued a failsafe ballot due to an address change. The Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.

Precinct Burton 2B:

- Theodore Felder - was issued a failsafe ballot for moving more than nine months before the election. The Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.
- Beth Felder - was issued a failsafe ballot for moving more than 9 months before the election. The Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.

Precinct Hilton Head 2A:

- Richard Flynn - was issued a provisional ballot because he moved from Bluffton to Indigo Pines, an assisted living facility, and was physically unable to go back to his previous precinct. The Board voted unanimously to count the votes as a failsafe ballot only.
- Lois Kayser – was issued a failsafe ballot because she moved from Sea Pines to Indigo Pines, an assisted living facility, and was physically unable to drive. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.
- Thomas B. Miller – was issued a provisional ballot because he moved from Moss Creek to Indigo Pines, an assisted living facility, and was physically unable to go back and vote at old precinct. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.
- Vincent J. Tartamella – was issued a failsafe ballot because he moved and was physically unable to go back to old precinct due to poor vision. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.

Precinct Hilton Head 2B:

- James R. Brown, Jr. – was issued a provisional ballot because he chose not to go back to his old precinct. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.

Precinct Hilton Head 2A:

- Michelle Trecki – was issued a failsafe ballot because she moved over 1 ½ years ago. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.
- David Trecki - was issued a failsafe ballot because she moved over 1 ½ years ago. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.

Precinct Hilton Head 9A:

- Mary Doyle – was issued a failsafe ballot due to change of address. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.

Precinct Hilton Head 12:

- Patricia Freeman – was issued a failsafe ballot due to change of address. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.
- Brian Kelly – was issued a failsafe ballot due to change of address. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.
- Arthur Benzle - was issued a failsafe ballot due to change of address. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.

Precinct Hilton Head 15A:

- Roberta Hahn - was issued a failsafe ballot due to change of address. However, this voter requested that address not changed at this time because she would be returning to her old address. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.
- Wendy Corbitt – was issued a provisional ballot because her name was not in the poll book. Research revealed that she was a registered voter. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.

Precinct Bluffton 3B:

- Mary K. Elder – was issued a provisional ballot because her name was not in the poll book. Research revealed no information on this voter. Board voted unanimously to reject the ballot.
- Jennifer Montgomery – was issued a failsafe ballot due to change of address. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.

Precinct Chechessee:

- Sue S. Olsen – was issued a provisional ballot because voter received an absentee ballot by mail. Research revealed that the voter did not return the absentee ballot. Board voted unanimously to count the provisional ballot.
- Martha McIlveene – was issued a provisional ballot because Poll worker could not find her name in the poll book. Research revealed her name was in the poll book. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.
- Heather Baldwin – was issued a failsafe ballot due to change of address. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.

Precinct Dale/Lobeco:

- LeVern Blancard – was issued a failsafe ballot because her name was not in the poll book. Research revealed her name was not in the Voter Registration System. Board voted unanimously to reject the ballot.

Precinct Port Royal 2:

- Yvonne Peterson – was issued a provisional ballot because ABS appeared next to her name in the poll book. Research revealed her absentee ballot was not returned. Board voted unanimously to count the provisional ballot.
- McKimmie Smith – was issued a failsafe ballot due to change of address. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.
- Carol Theus - was issued a failsafe ballot due to change of address. Board voted unanimously to count the ballot.

Precinct St. Helena 1C:

- Sheron Ruys - was issued a provisional ballot because ABS appeared next to her name in the poll book. She was unable to mail it back in time. Research revealed her absentee ballot was not returned. Board voted unanimously to count the provisional ballot.

Precinct Hilton Head 1A:

- Matthew Stocking – was issued a provisional ballot because voter insisted he cast the ballot before making a selection for one of the offices on the ballot. Board voted unanimously to reject the provisional ballot.

Precinct Hilton Head 4D:

- Cathryn Steffen - was issued a provisional ballot because ABS appeared next to her name in the poll book. She stated she did not return the absentee ballot. Research revealed her absentee ballot was not returned. Board voted unanimously to count the provisional ballot.

Precinct Hilton Head 7A:

- Robert Evans - was issued a provisional ballot because ABS appeared next to his name in the poll book. He stated he did not return the absentee ballot. Research revealed his absentee ballot was not returned. Board voted unanimously to count the provisional ballot.
- Beverly Evans - was issued a provisional ballot because ABS appeared next to her name in the poll book. She stated she did not return the absentee ballot. Research revealed her absentee ballot was not returned. Board voted unanimously to count the provisional ballot.

Precinct Hilton Head 15B

- James Benson – was issued a provisional ballot because his name did not appear in the poll book. Research revelaed that he is not a registered voter. Board voted unanimously to reject the ballot.

The board recessed to allow the staff an opportunity to count the failsafe and provisional ballots that were accepted.

After reconvening, Mr. Marshall read vote total results. They were as follows:

Republican Primary

Governor
Gresham Barrett - 3,923; Andre Bauer- 893; Nikki R Haley- 7,479; Henry McMaster - 2,278

Lieutenant Governor
Ken Ard - 2,989; Bill Connor – 4,376; Eleanor Kitzman – 2,897; Larry Richter – 1,866

State Treasurer
Converse Chellis - 5,391; Curtis Loftis – 7,090

Attorney General
Robert Bolchoz – 2,485; Leighton Lord – 3,767; Alan Wilson – 6,289

Comptroller General
Richard A Eckstrom – 8,123; Mike Meilinger – 3,226

State Superintendent of Education
Gary L Burgess – 2,417; Elizabeth Moffly – 3,096; Brent Nelsen - 1,448; Ke11y Payne- 1,628; Glenn C Price – 776; Mick Zais- 2,049

U.S. Senate
Jim DeMint - 11,949; Susan McDonald Gaddy – 2,440

U.S. House of Representatives Dist 2
Phil Black – 2,119; Joe Wilson - 12,342

State House of Representatives Dist 123
Richard Chalk – 1,925; Kate Keep – 1,730; Andy Patrick – 1,855

Democratic Primary

Governor
Robert Ford – 683; Jim Rex – 1,286; Vincent A Sheheen – 1,644

State Superintendent of Education
Frank Holleman – 1,502; Tom Thompson – 1,854

U.S. Senate
Alvin M Greene – 1,952; Vic Rawl – 1,370

State House of Representatives Dist 121
Kenneth F Hodges – 624; Bobby C Mayes - 80

State House of Representatives Dist 122
Curtis Brantley – 4; R Thayer Rivers Jr – 6

It was motioned by Ms. Marilyn Caprielian that the new results be accepted and certified. It was seconded by Ms. Ellen Bray. The matter was voted upon and passed unanimously.

Mr. Clifford commented that the poll manager and poll clerk briefings prior to the Primary were very informative. He also commented that the supply boxes were well organized and the poll workers were satisfied with the new arrangement of supplies. Mr. Marshall credited the staff for excellent work in reorganizing the boxes.

The next board meeting was scheduled for June 24, 2010 after the Runoff canvass hearing.

Ms. Marilyn Caprielian motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Clifford adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:30 p.m.