



BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL

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Minutes from the June 22, 2011 meeting of the Beaufort County Board of Elections and Registration 102 Industrial Village Rd. Bldg #2, Beaufort, SC

Board Members:

Rebecca Bass

Ellen Bray

Beverly Dore

Hugh O'Kane

James Rowe

Norma Stewart

Rupert Williams

Mr. Ron Clifford called meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Rupert Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Clifford, Chairman

Beverly Dore

Dean Hewitt

Hugh O'Kane

Jim Rowe

Norma Stewart

Rupert Williams

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Morris Campbell, Executive Director, Community Services Division

Marie Smalls, Deputy Director

Eric Montgomery, Programmer

Kristina Weitz, Board Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2011 BOARD MEETING

The minutes of the May 25, 2011 board meeting were presented. Mr. O'Kane motioned, with a second from Mrs. Dore, that the minutes be approved. The minutes of the meeting of May 25 were voted upon and approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Town of Bluffton Election Commission

Mr. O'Kane said he was aware of four possible candidates and there were only three seats available on the town council. Mrs. Stewart inquired on whom makes the appointments to the town's election commission and Mr. O'Kane said the Town of Bluffton does.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Mr. Clifford asked if there were any committee reports.

Legislative Affairs Committee – Mr. Clifford asked if the committee needed to hold a meeting and Mr. O'Kane requested to wait until the fall.

Finance Committee – Mr. Hewitt reported on his meeting with Mr. Marshall regarding the final budget that was presented to administration. Mrs. Dore wanted to know if the reduction in the travel budget would impact their travel to Columbia to complete the required certification classes offered by the State Election Commission.

Mr. Hewitt noted, after Mr. Marshall reviewed the previous budget year expenditures, he felt content with the updated budget.

Facilities Committee – Mrs. Stewart stated the lease for the voter registration office expires in November; however, Mr. Marshall is working with Mr. Gary Kubic, County Administrator.

Precinct Reapportionment Committee – The Precinct Reapportionment Committee possibly would not start until August. The board discussed at length the proposed new makeup of the Beaufort County house and senate districts.

Rules Committee – Mr. Rowe passed out a draft of a potential new operating manual. The Rules Committee needs to meet before the August board meeting.

Executive Director’s Report

(Mrs. Marie Smalls, deputy director, presented the Executive Director’s Report.)

City of Beaufort Special Election – The election is to be held on July 19, 2011. There is one seat to fill and about 6,900 voters. The election involves eleven precincts (six partial precincts and five whole precincts). Some of the precincts are temporarily combined for this election only. There are seven polling locations and thirty-one poll workers.

EVRLs (Electronic voter registration list) will be used (one per precinct) and paper poll books would be at the precincts as backups. The poll manager training is scheduled for Thursday, July 14 from six o’clock p.m. to eight o’clock p.m. and Monday, July 18 from ten o’clock a.m. until noon. The absentee precincts in Beaufort and Bluffton were open for voting.

Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Dore said they would be available if needed for the canvass hearing on July 21, 2011.

2011-2012 Poll Workers Training Schedule – Mrs. Smalls passed out a tentative training schedule for the 2011-2012 year. The board reviewed the schedule and held a discussion on dates, times and locations.

Legislation – Mrs. Smalls briefly updated the board on the pending legislations:

Senate Bills:

209 (Absentee Qualifications)

333 (Notice of Death)

391 (Absentee Voting)

404 (SC UOCAVA Act)

House Bills:

3003 (Photo ID and Absentee Voting)

3110 (Registration by Party)

3349 (Overseas Absentee Voting)

3433 (Beaufort County Precincts)

3392 (Multi-Faceted S391)

3700 & 3701 (Appropriations Bill 2011-2012)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Clifford announced Mrs. Smalls' and Mr. Montgomery's CERA certifications have been extended to 2014.

Mrs. Stewart inquired who would be attending the mid-year SCARE Conference. The board discussed when and where the conference would be held.

Mr. Clifford reminded the board the next board meeting will be on August 24, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Finance Department's conference room, 102 Industrial Village Road, Building #2.

The board meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.