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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CANVASS- NOVEMBER 9, 2004

Present: Mrs. Charles A. Cardwell, Jr., Chair
Mr. Eric Elliott, Secretary
Mr. John A. Redding, Member

Staff: Mrs. Kathie Chastain Cooper, Director of Elections
Mrs. Laura Gerardi Dell, Deputy Director of Elections
Ms. Pamela Craver, Administrative Assistant

Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM by ending the recess from the previous day, November 8, 2004.

Canvass of 2004 General Election

The Board reviewed and discussed the pollbook audit.

Mr. Redding moved to recess for a 10 minutes. Mr. Elliott seconded and the meeting was recessed at 11:20 AM.

The Board resumed the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Mr. Redding moved to recess at 12:45 PM and resume at 2:00 PM. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting resumed at 2:00.

The Board reviewed the write-in totals for the Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor. The Director explained to the Board that there were 3,437 write-ins that were valid. The Board certified the election results.

The Board acknowledged several visitors to the meeting.

The Board and Director discussed the possible recount of some of the state offices. There was discussion regarding the best procedure for doing the recount if necessary. The Director recommended using the ballot counters and the fast card reader. The Board suggested doing the recount on Monday, November 17 and Tuesday, November 18, should a 2nd day be necessary.

The Director and staff prepared the abstracts for the Board to review and sign. Mr. Redding moved to recess until the reports were ready to sign. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting resumed at 3:45.

The Director explained to the Board that the Board of Elections staff can stay past 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 18, 2004, to help with the recount. She also explained there could be additional staff available to help with the recount and there could be approximately 17 counters operating. There was discussion on how the process will take place. The Director stated that one way is to re-run the datapacks instead of counting individual ballots again. The Board decided to count the ballots of the precincts with a pollbook audit discrepancy of 20 or more and read the data packs of the remaining precincts.

The Board reviewed the Election totals and reports. The Board signed the certification of the Election results.

Adjournment

Mr. Redding moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Elliott seconded and the meeting as adjourned at 4:15 PM.

s:/ Mrs. Charles A. Cardwell, Jr., Chair

s:/ Mr. Eric Elliott, Secretary

s:/ Mr. John A. Redding, Member