

CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
ACTIVITY REPORT
JULY 2006

The following report contains the recent activities of the Craven County Board of Elections Office. This report is done to help keep all interested parties up to date on the activities of this office.

Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor filing opened on Monday, June 12th at noon. One seat is open for the 2006 Election year. One candidate has filed for this seat, on June 16th Mr. Kirby Braxton (incumbent) filed for re-election. The filing fee for this office is \$5.00 and the filing closes on July 7th at noon. This is a non partisan office.

The Craven County Board of Elections held their Regular Monthly Meeting on June 14th, 2006 in the 1st Floor Conference room of the County Administration Building. The minutes from this meeting will be available on the Board of Elections web site after approval by the Board.

The Board of Elections sent out a public notice to the voters in the Ernul Precinct informing them that discussion would be held on the polling place for Ernul. Fifteen residents from the community attended the Board's Regular Meeting to discuss the precinct. The Board voted to ask for approval from the State Board of Elections to use the new Little Swift Creek Fire Department for future elections. All voters will be notified by mail before any change is made. No changes can be made until approval is received from the State and preclearance is received from the US Department of Justice.

The Board will be reviewing the Precincts in Craven County. The Board requested this information at an earlier date. The four main areas of concern are George Street, Fort Barnwell and parking at the Vanceboro precinct and the Grantham 2B precinct. It will be more cost efficient to request any precinct changes at one time so they can be grouped together for approval. Mr. Miner asked that this be placed on the Agenda as a continuing item.

The Campaign Reporting Audit for the 1st quarter reports submitted by the Active Candidate Committees have been completed. Five committees received letters outlining the missing or corrected information needed in order to complete their reports. Most of the requested information appeared to be just an over site on the submitted reports.

Reminder letters of the next report were mailed to the Active Candidate Committees. We have seven local active committees in Craven County. The next report is the 2006 Mid Year Semi Annual Report and must be filed with the Craven County Board of Elections Office no later than July 28, 2006. The report may be filed as early as July 1, 2006.

A list of the Craven County Candidates for the November 7th General Election has been compiled and is available on the Craven County web site on the Board of Elections page. A list of all State Candidates is available on the State Board of Elections web site, the address is www.sboe.state.nc.us

Mr. Bartlett, Executive Director for the State Board of Elections has arranged for a team of qualified election coders that includes PrintElect and SBE staff to do the coding for the November election from the Goldsboro election warehouse. The cost of this coding and the audio charges will be paid for by the SBE with a special HAVA grant for the November 2006 election only. Counties that desire to take advantage and have purchased the full UNITY package will receive the Full Unity Software training in 2007 for the Municipal elections. This is a great opportunity for SBE to reallocate training resources to areas such as Pollworker training, ERM & HPM training, and Logic & Accuracy testing procedures to insure timely and accurate elections.

The local Board of Elections office will be responsible for providing the district relations report

by precinct to the State Board of Election for the purpose of ballot coding. This will ensure all precincts receive the proper ballot styles depending on contests and districts. Craven County will have at least twenty (20) ballots styles for the November Election because of the precincts split by US Congressional Districts, NC House Districts and County Commissioner Districts.

Four additional One Stop Voting Sites were requested in the budget for the November 2006 Election, two were approved. The office must also conduct one stop voting in the Board of Elections office (or an office or room adjacent). We will use the 1st Floor Conference room as the office site and two additional locations will be chosen by the Board of Elections. One Stop Voting begins October 19th and ends November 4th at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, June 30th at noon was the deadline to file a petition to become an unaffiliated candidate on the November General Election Ballot. No petitions were filed for this in Craven County.

Voter Registration Activity June 2006

New Voter Registrations 355

Changes in Information 208

Voters Removed 113

Verification Mailings Sent 600

Confirmation Mailings Sent 425

County Statistical

Active voter total: 54,653

Inactive total: 6,842

Total Registered: 61,495

County Statistical by Party

Democrat: 26,933

Republican: 22,107

Unaffiliated: 12,455