

**Craven County Board of Elections
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2007**

The Craven County Board of Elections held a regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 10th at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 406 Craven Street. Chairman, Esther Hardin called the meeting to order. Present were Esther Hardin, Chairman, Bill Miner, Member and Leone Lewis, Administrative Assistant.

There were no citizen comments or presentations.

The minutes from September meeting were approved as written.

Report of the Director:

There was no report due to the vacancy of the position.

Old Business:

Board was informed that the web site has been updated. Mr. Miner questioned the minutes being posted monthly. Further discussion to be held after the municipal election.

New Business:

Ballot for the municipal election have been received.

Candidates have been mailed a sample ballot.

Rosemary Blizzard, District Tech, is scheduled to come today (October 10th) to assist staff with clearing and testing voting equipment.

Leone stated that absentee ballots to be mailed have not been processed at this time. Assistance is needed from Rosemary Blizzard before this can be done.

Board was given a copy of a thank you letter from Darlene Brown; an applicant for the Director's position.

Discussion was held on memos from State Director, Gary Bartlett concerning same day registration at one-stop sites and the emergency disaster plan that is in place for the county.

New Director, Tonya Pitts is scheduled to start on October 15th. Jan Cahoon will swear her in and a reception will be held afterwards.

One-stop voting begins on Thursday, October 18th. This will be held in Board of Election's office.

Linda Ladrew in Finance will bill the municipalities for the November 6th election.

Letter from Mr. Harold Blizzard addressing a letter from Keith Long of the SBOE concerning signatures on grants was discussed. Mr. Blizzard stated that this should go before the County Commissioners in the future.

Board discussed temporary employee Barbara Love working 8 hours per day during one-stop and paying her \$10 per hour during this time, (the amount in which she was paid for working one-stop for the last election.) Leone stated that one-stop would probably not be busy enough to justify her being here for 8 hours per day. Board agreed not to change her hours.

The rovers for the municipal election are Phil Bennett, Jane Purifoy and Barbara Love. Leone informed board that Barbara Love will remain in the office to assist the staff until needed at precinct.

Discussion was held on how long Barbara Love will continue to work. Board decided she will continue to work 4 hours per day thru Canvas (November 13th).

Board discussed taking new director, Tonya Pitts to visit some of the precincts on Election Day. All agreed that this was a great idea.

Board approved new voter registrations

Copy of stats, monthly budget information and removed voter report was given to board members.

Announcements:

Due to the Municipal Election, there will not be a Regular Meeting scheduled for November.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Esther Hardin, Chairman
Approved: January 2, 2008

Esther Hardin, Chairman
William Miner, Member
Leone Lewis, Administrative Assistant

