

Pickens County Registration and Elections Commission
222 McDaniel St. B-9
Pickens, SC 29671

November 1, 2011
4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mrs. June Bowers, Chairperson; Ms. Geneva Robinson, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Gretchen Campbell, Secretary; Mr. Noel Anderson; Mr. Herb Thompson; Mrs. Sheree Chapman;

Staff Present: Mr. Rodney Allen, Executive Director; Ms. Stacey Kitchens, Office Coordinator

Public Present: None

Members Absent: Ms. Jane Goolsby

THE MEETING OF THE PICKENS COUNTY REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMISSION WAS HELD PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND ALL REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS WERE MADE.

Chairperson Bowers called the meeting of the Pickens County Registration and Elections Commission to order at 4:30 p.m. and it is to be noted that notices required by the Freedom of Information Act have been posted. An invocation was given by Mrs. Sheree Chapman.

Chairperson Bowers stated that the first item of business was approval of the minutes from the October 4, 2011 meeting of the Commission. Mrs. Sheree Chapman motioned to accept the minutes as presented from the previous meeting. Ms. Geneva Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no public comment.

Director Allen then gave the Director's report. Regarding the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP), there is a court case involving the counties of Beaufort, Chester, Greenville, and Spartanburg against the SC Republican Party, the SC Democratic Party, and the State Election Commission (SEC). At issue is the cost of the PPP and who will fund it. The SEC states that they have \$680,000 to pay for the PPPs, with 150,000 having already been spent. It is estimated that it will cost \$1.5 million dollars just to cover the cost of the poll workers for this election. It is hoped that resolution will be found before November 21, 2011, which is the deadline when notices must be posted in the newspaper. The SEC posted a listing of the reimbursable costs, which included all the costs that SCARE was concerned with. The SEC had stated that they had an agreement with the Republican Party as to what they would pay for; however they did not tell the counties that they did not have that the agreement was never signed. Mr. Chap

January and the report was received November 1, 2011, and the counties have been asked to audit their own 2011 election before certification is done two days after the election.

Director Allen discussed Election Day roles of the Commissioners. Chairman Bowers and Vice-Chairman Robinson will count absentee ballots beginning at 9:00 a.m. on November 8, 2011. Other Commissioners will visit precincts regularly throughout the day, checking to see that the election is running smoothly. All available commissioners will need to be in the office at 6:30 p.m. to take care of collection and tally of data for pre-certification of the election.

Chairperson Bowers asked if there was any old business that needed to be addressed. There was none.

Chairperson Bowers asked if there was any new business that needed to be addressed. Director Allen noted that the Skelton Career Center would not be available for the Skelton 127 precinct in January and February 2012. Director Allen has gotten permission from Tri-City Baptist Church to use their facility temporarily. Mr. Herb Thompson motioned to move the 127 Skelton precinct to Tri-City Baptist Church for the January and February, 2012 election cycle. Ms. Geneva Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

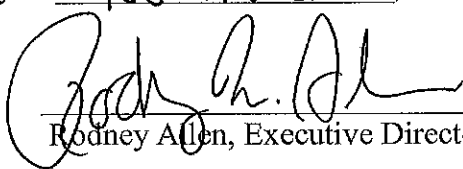
Director Allen also stated that Precinct changes would be presented to the Commission at the January, 2012 meeting. What the Commission approves will pass as a recommendation to the County Delegation. It will be recommended the changes take effect July 1, 2012, which will begin a new budget year.

Finally, the Commission will meet December 6, 2011 at 12:00 noon for lunch at Gateway Restaurant in Pickens. Mr. Thompson expressed appreciation to the Commission for the gift designated for his great-granddaughter, given in memory of his grandson. There being no further business, Chairperson Bowers adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gretchen Campbell, Secretary

Approved by the Commission on this 10th day of November, in the year 2011.


June Bowers, Chairperson


Rodney Allen, Executive Director