

Minutes
Election Advisory Panel
December 15, 2010

Members present:

Leslie Goller, chair, Kathy Carithers, Dan O'Connor, Natalie Alden, Scott Wiley, Patt Sher, Joe Mosley, and Tracie Collier.

Member(s) absent:

Josh Cockrell

Visitor:

Jerry Holland, Supervisor of Elections

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by EAP chair, Leslie Goller.

L. Goller asked panel to review the minutes for any changes and approval. The panel made corrections regarding comments concerning the AutoMARK machine and the spelling of a panel member's name. aminutes were viewed by panel.

Motion to approve minutes as amended from the November 17th- K.Carithers; second-P.Sher. Motion passes.

Old Business:

Website

Panel had no website updates at this meeting.

Election of Officers-

Motion to keep the same officers to serve the 2011 calendar year- S.Wiley; Second-P. Sher. Panel agreed; motion passed.

New Business:

Reapportionment- SOE Holland explained the elections office will be involved in reapportionment because it will affect precinct boundaries and polling places. He stated reapportionment changes will take affect in 2015.

Recommendation of Election Equipment: Funding for EVIDS vs. Laptops

SOE Holland explained EVIDS costs 2 million dollars and laptops cost 175,000. dollars. However, money has already been allocated to purchase new laptops prior to the March 2011 election.

L. Goller inquired, "Are the laptops new or rebuilt?" SOE Holland answered "laptops are new."

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SOE Holland states that it will cost 1.7 million to replace election equipment. The two companies that the State of Florida allows SOE's to purchase equipment from are Dominion and ES&S. However, the goal for Duval County is to maintain paper ballots.

SOE Holland explained to the panel the machine differences between the two companies-Dominion and ES&S.

D.O' Connor expressed his election experience in the primary and general elections with the AutoMARK machine having a volume issue. N. Alden stated that visually important voters complained about the volume of the AutoMARK during an election.

L. Goller asked SOE HOLLAND to explain the audit and recount from the general election. He explained the audit and recount procedures. He also stated the potential recount for Soil and Water district 2 would have cost Duval County about \$80,000-\$100,000.

L. Goller asked SOE Holland to share the status of any pending lawsuits to the panel. He did.

Panel asked SOE Holland for the number of mayoral candidates-14 and How many had qualified by petition- Alvin Brown, Mike Hogan and Warren Lee.

D. O'Connor suggested to panel that the group become involved with various candidates' forums. SOE Holland suggested to the group to postpone plans with the forums until all candidates have qualified on January 14.

L. Goller suggested material could be distributed during the forum from EAP to educate the community and garner visibility for EAP.

K. Carithers was opposed to the idea of supporting a forum and stated she thought of it as competition with other groups.

Motion- to create list of candidate forums and post on SOE website in a press release style and have a person, EAP member to volunteering to observe at the forums- D'O Connor; Second-N. Alden, Oppose- K. Carithers.

S. Wiley asked SOE Holland to explain the EAP's responsibility. He answered by stating the EAP is to assist with and increase dialogue as community liaisons.

Motion to support the guidelines passed in amendments 5 & 6 as slated for local reapportionment-K. Carithers; Second-N. Alden.

Next meeting scheduled for January 19, 2011 at 3 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.