

## **HART COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2013  
LOCATION: Office of the Hart County Board of Registrars  
ATTENDEES: Elizabeth G. Forbes, Chief Registrar  
Hilda B. Mauldin, Board Member  
Jane C. Kay, Board Member  
Mary S. Stephens, Deputy Registrar/Clerk  
Jim Owens, Director/Hart Count Recreation Dept.

**This meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Elizabeth Forbes, Chief Registrar.**

1. Reviewed reports for Month end January, 2013. We are now up to date and ready for the Special Election. All work prior to the February 19<sup>th</sup> registration cutoff date has been processed.
2. Advanced voting for the Chief Magistrate Special Election begins on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The three Registrars and the Clerk are expected to be able to handle the 3 week Absentee/Advanced voting period without additional help required. Additional monies were saved due to the delay in receipt of the paper ballots which resulted in reduced employee hours for Absentee ballot mailing (2 person staffing requirement for ballot mailing). All staff should plan to bring lunch each day. Lunch breaks will not be allowed due to short staffing to save funds.
3. Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> the office will be open for Advanced voting from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Voter attendance is unknown but we must staff in anticipation of a heavy turnout. Numbers for week day voting turnout has been higher then expected.
4. The Clerk is required to attend mandatory computer software training in Athens, GA by the Secretary of State during the first week of Advanced voting if a runoff is required. The Chief and the two Board Members should be able to staff the office sufficiently for this first week period (the first week of voting is only a 4 day work week due to the Good Friday closings). The Clerk will return for the balance of the Advanced/Absentee voting period and the election wrapup.
5. Chief Forbes reminded all that during this election there should be no discussions by staff or voters regarding candidates or choice of candidates. The law restricting campaigning within 150 feet of the Polling place will be strictly enforced. We will need to be extra vigilant as a Hart County employee working within the Annex Building has a relative in this race. No one will be exempt!!

6. New proposed legislation is currently being discussed in Atlanta. Proposed changes to current voting laws are as follows:
  - a. Same day voter registration and voting
  - b. Changes to Advanced voting period from 3 weeks back to 45 days
  - c. Advance voting period to offer 3 consecutive Saturdays.
  
7. Open discussions were held with Jim Owens regarding the new office space on Cade Street. Mary, Jane and Hilda were to take a road trip to the new office along with Mr. Owens upon the conclusion of this meeting regarding our new office requirements and suggestions.

Mary Stephens made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 A.M. Hilda Mauldin seconded the motion. With no further discussion this meeting was adjourned by Chief Forbes.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Mary S. Stephens***

Deputy Registrar/Clerk