

HART COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 10, 2011
LOCATION: Office of Hart County Board of Registrars
ATTENDEES: Elizabeth Forbes, Chief Registrar/Hilda Mauldin, Board Member/
Ron Walker, Board Member/Mary Stephens, Deputy/Clerk

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

At the commencement of this meeting, Chief Forbes discussed the Employee Harassment training seminar held on Monday, March 7th. Attendance was mandatory by all Department Supervisors. Chief Forbes spoke on what words and actions that are considered harassment and we discussed several office place scenarios.

Also discussed was the current legal status of the Thomas Habel/Double Voter Case. Currently this case is being handled by the AG in the State of Florida. Hart County was the first vote and, therefore, no longer a Georgia issue according to the Secretary of State. A Channel 2/Atlanta news story recently reported on this issue was discussed.

Chief Forbes updated everyone on Absentee and Early voting time period reduction legislation. Looks like this period will be reduced to 2 weeks including Saturdays.

Additional topical discussions were as follows:

1. Chief Forbes asked Mary Stephens to talk about correspondence from Elections Director Ann Hicks regarding the SOS offices current directives on the re-registration of Felons. It was reinforced by Ms. Hicks that a voter registration form includes a sworn and affirmed statement that puts the responsibility on the voter and not on the Board of Registrars representative or the County. If they have served their sentence, probation and paid all fines we must take them at their word. Chief Forbes suggested we check on each re-registration with the Clerk of the Court's records to make sure the information is accurate.

2. Mary Stephens briefly discussed ongoing office cleanup projects such as the purging of old files and consolidation of voter registration cards. Upon completion of this project, paper documentation should be easier to maintain and more organized so all can find required information. Mary inquired as to several old files containing Municipal voter registration cards. Chief Forbes suggested that Ron Walker and Hilda Mauldin begin to systematically review and match these older cards to current County voter registration records to determine if active, deceased or transferred voters.

With there being no additional business, this meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Stephens, Clerk/Deputy Registrar

