

HART COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS

DATE: Thursday, May 23, 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
Jan Ertzberger, Incoming Chief Registrar
John C. Stercho, Incoming Board Member

This meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. by Elizabeth Forbes, Chief Registrar. Chief Forbes welcomed the incoming Registrars and thanked all for attending.

1. Reviewed statistical reports for Months end April and May, 2013. Due to the new SOS software system, the report structure will change as of the next Board meeting.

2. The Special Election and Runoff resulted in a larger voter turnout than expected for both Advanced and Absentee voting. Voter turnout numbers are as follows:

SPECIAL ELECTION:	Total voters Advanced/Absentee by BOR	1,546
	Total voters at Precincts on Election Day	2,074

RUNOFF:	Total voters Advanced/Absentee by BOR	1,274
	Total voters at Precincts on Election Day	1,502

3. Upcoming election dates were discussed. A Special Election is expected to fill the District 3 Commission seat vacated by Brandon Johnson (as he is expected to run for Mayor). Mayor and City Council elections as well as a special TSPLOST vote will be upcoming on November 5th. The mailing out of Absentee ballots will commence 45 days prior to each election. Early voting in the Registrar's Office will commence 3 weeks prior to each election (Saturday voting required only when a Federal candidate is on the ballot). The new Board will be in place in time for the next election.

4. The voter registration filing system is being updated from a precinct/alphabetical system to a County-wide alphabetical system. This file restructuring has resulted from procedural changes suggested by the SOS Elections Division. Once this process is complete, it will save time and manpower in keeping up with the the daily voter information additions and changes.

5. In anticipation of the move to our new facility, we are undergoing a massive file purge. The Retention Schedule states that all elections records are to be held for 2 years, all deceased and moved out of County/State voters registration cards are to be held for 2 years and Electors lists from each election are to be stored for 5 years. Boxes containing materials from elections held back in the 1980's have recently been discovered in Courthouse Annex storage rooms. Our Clerk is facilitating and directing the removal and destruction of these materials.
6. Open discussion was held regarding the retention of the post office box post move to the new facility on Cade Street. Due to the fact that the rent has been paid thru year end, our Clerk suggested we utilize the box thru the upcoming Special Election to see if it will help or hinder the Absentee Ballot mailing process.

With no further discussion, Hilda Mauldin made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 P.M. John Stercho seconded the motion. With no further discussion, this meeting was adjourned by Chief Forbes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary S. Stephens

Deputy Registrar/Clerk