Salem Electoral Board  
October 31, 2016  
Minutes

Salem Electoral Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Everette Obenshain via telephone at 4:45pm October 31, 2016 for the sole purpose of planning the instructional meeting and to appoint emergency additional personnel to conduct the election procedures for the term of October 31, 2016- February 28, 2017.

There was a motion by Chairman Obenshain to dispense with the reading of minutes from the board’s meeting February 1, 2016 until they can be revised to remove personnel matters. The February minutes will be presented for a reading and signature prior to canvass November 9, 2016.

Vice- Chair Steve Smeltzer presided over the rest of the meeting because Mr. Obenshain was not able to receive a copy of today’s agenda at the medical rehab center.

Steve read over the agenda for the 7pm November 3 instructional meeting at the Salem Civic Center. Spooner Hull of IEC optical scan will conduct hands on training of the optical scanners for all election officials.

The emergency appointment of officers of election working in Precincts 001-010 was reviewed and approved by a motion from Vice Chair Steve Smeltzer was seconded by Chair Everette Obenshain. The motion carried.

The electoral board reviewed items of great importance for conducting the November 8 General Election: all precincts will be using electronic poll books and each precinct has experienced workers to operate the poll books. Continue to remind all election officials of the two types of provisional envelopes and make certain they are recorded correctly if used. All polling places are set up for optimum traffic flow and knowledge of emergency procedures for their locations.

November 9 at 11am has been established as the electoral boards canvass time and this information has been posted in all of the mandatory places to inform the public.

No further business the meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherin A. Elam  
Secretary of Salem Electoral Board

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Everette Obenshain, Chairman

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Steve Smeltzer, Vice Chairman
Salem Electoral Board

Canvass Meeting

November 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chair Everette Obenshain at 11am for the purpose of canvassing the votes from the November 8, 2016 General and Special Election to include all eleven precincts.

There was one provisional vote to count which led to the board taking a recess at 1:47pm after careful review of all tapes done precinct by precinct, there was only one error in how the total voters was written the night before.

All of the precinct chiefs had completed SORs and the proper signatures on tapes for opening and closing.

There were 12,283 voters who participated in the General Election this equates to 71.89% of the registered voters in the City of Salem.

The Electoral Board signed off on all forms to confirm election results and the meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Sincerely,

Katherin A. Elam, Secretary

Everette Obenshain, Chairman

Steve Smeltzer, Vice-Chair