

## Observation Report for LWVODC Chatham Unit by Leona Whichard

Chatham County Board of Elections

June 20, 2017, 5:30 pm

Board Members: Craig Bray, Chairman; Laura Heise, Secretary; Roger Gerber, member;

Director: Pandora Paschal

- Budget for Elections: Money is in the budget for elections that may be required if redistricting takes place before the 2018 election.
- Plans to install new Board of Elections on July 18: The members of the new Board of Elections are scheduled to be installed at the July meeting which will be held at noon instead of 5:30 pm. Present members of the BOE will hold over until the new members are installed.
- 2017 Municipal elections: Elections will be held in October and November in Pittsboro, Siler City, Goldstone and Cary. Chief Judges and Party Judges for these precincts have been recruited and will be appointed in August. Many will be new and will need extensive training. Pandora will plan a reception for the election judges, staff, and BOE members to meet each other.
- Pandora reported on her meeting earlier today with the Chatham County Department Heads: The town of Pittsboro purchased the building vacated by the Piggly Wiggly grocery store and will renovate the space for offices. The Chatham County Board of Elections and Department of Recreation may be moved to this new location.
- Dawn Stumpf Award for Excellence in Customer Service: The first award has been made by the Board of Commissioners to Jason Sullivan. Craig reported that he had visited with Dawn today. She is much improved and is at home getting physical therapy.
- Chatham County employees, including the BOE Director, will get a 3% pay raise this year.
- The statewide Board of Elections Conference will be August 6, 7, and 8 at the Embassy Suites in Concord. Pandora has made reservations for the Chatham Board of Elections members and staff.