

Director's Report
7-21-06

Staff has been continuing to work with polling sites regarding agreements. The office currently has 29 of 34 agreements which have been signed and returned. (Morehead 3 is included in this number).

2nd quarter campaign finance reports have been filed and are posted on our website.

Jack Gerbel contacted the county regarding the purchase of the absentee card reader. John Langdon discussed the offer with the commissioners at their July 17th board meeting. He was instructed to decline Unilect's offer at the present time and to list the equipment on eBay for sale as an entire system. Mr. Langdon contacted me on Tuesday, July 18th and requested an inventory list of the Unilect equipment.

Neil Whitford, who is the attorney representing the Town of Pine Knoll Shores and the Harkers Island Sanitary District Board, contacted the office on Wednesday (7-19-06) to notify us that he anticipates a referendum item to be on November ballot for each of his clients. The Town of PKS would have an item concerning changing their form of government from the mayor/council form to the manager/council form. This same item was included on the November 2003 ballot for PKS. The Harkers Island Sanitary Board would like an item regarding incorporation. Mr. Whitford stated that he would be working on the language of the items prior to the board of commissioners' approval to expedite the process of submitting the items to the SBOE for ballot preparation. Once approval is received from the board of commissioners, Mr. Whitford will submit the information to the board of elections for inclusion on the November ballot. Office staff has alerted the SBOE that these items may be included as they are currently working on the county's election coding.

The May primary election was a success, largely in part to our poll workers who were faced with implementing the new voting system. As preparations are beginning for the November election, I would like to contact poll workers with a survey to complete. Poll worker training should be a priority for this election and I would like to give the workers an opportunity to express their opinions so that the staff can prepare a training process to meet their needs. We sponsored feedback sessions in the past with a small number of attendees. A survey which could be completed and returned at their leisure might facilitate a larger response.

