

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023
REGULAR MEETING**

Attending; Sandi Walker, Anthony Iovino, Beverly Carlton, and Linda Walker. Absent: LH Kirksey.

Staff; Kenny Rhyne

Guests: Alicia Connelly, Carla Kincaid, Dot Williams (League of Women voters), Barbara Myers, and Ann Moncrief.

Secretary Sandi Walker called the meeting to order at 10:00AM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Public comments:

Barbara Myers thanked the board for listening to guest's comments. She also thanked the board members for their support.

Alicia Connelly thanked the board for their consideration on the early voting. She affirmed her support.

Linda Walker made a motion to add the approval of minutes from previous meetings of 11-14, 11-16, 11-17, and 11-21-2023, and to approve the amended agenda as presented. All approved.

Beverly Carlton made a motion to approve all the meeting minutes for 11-14-2023 regular meeting, 11-16-2023 provisional/supplemental meeting, 11-17-2023 canvass, and 11-21-2023 special called meeting. All approved.

Business:

Interim Director Kenny Rhyne presented a list of the candidates filing as of 12-11-2023. Filing ends Friday 12-15-2023 at noon.

He gave the board members a list of important dates for 2024. Campaign Finance Training is scheduled for 01-25-2024, 1-5 pm and One stop worker training the same day 5:30 pm until.

Election day worker training is 01-30-2024 and 02-01-2024 starting at 5:30pm.

600 voter registrations from DMV have been processed. 49 thousand dollars was the cost for the municipal election and has been billed to the municipalities.

Also, list maintenance has been completed.

Kenny gave a brief report on the District meeting. The meeting was very informative, and Kenny received recognition from his hard work with a "Rock Star Award" which recognizes county board of election workers for excellence in their field.

He reported on the meeting with the County manager and the finance director. The one stop workers are included in a county pay study, scheduled to be complete January 15, 2024. This will be used to help determine raises for the workers.

Confirmed in this meeting, Chief judges will get \$25.00 for pick-up of materials and all election workers \$20.00 for attending training. One-stop runners will be paid mileage.

Disposal of 165 boxes of outdated election materials was addressed as governed by SBE memo#2021-02.

Sandi Walker made a motion to authorize Kenny to dispose of all election records prior to 2022 per SBE #memo 2021-02. All approved.

Additional staffing for the office was discussed. Linda Walker made a motion to authorize Kenny to get temporary help from our pool of election workers to help through the primary. All approved.

Other business: Beverly Carlton expressed a concern for having an action plan for educating voters about elections.

After discussion, Sandi Walker will contact radio media and find what is available. Beverly Carlton will contact Compass and Spectrum to see what may be available. Linda Walker will develop topic ideas.

The board will further discuss establishing an action plan.

With no further business, Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 11:21 AM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary