

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023
REGULAR MEETING

Attending; Sandi Walker, Anthony Iovino, Beverly Carlton, LH Kirksey, and Linda Walker.
Staff; Kenny Rhyne
Guests: Butch McSwain, Alicia Connelly, Carla Kincaid, Ann Fisher, Barbara Myers, and Ann Moncreif.

Chairman LH Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10:00AM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Public comments:

Butch McSwain suggested the board change hours of early voting to accommodate voter schedules. He also complimented the board on their work in the recent municipal election.

Board members responded to his comments.

Barbara Myers requested the board add an extra day to their established schedule for early voting in the March 2024 primary. She also thanked the board members for their work.

Alicia Connelly requested the board add additional days to the early voting schedule and add early voting hours on Sunday during the early voting period. She offered to assist.

Carla Kincaid made an observation on the arrangement of some precinct lines.

Ann Moncreif asked the board to add more hours to the early voting.

Beverly Carlton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. All approved.

Chairman LH Kirksey made a motion to approve all of the meeting minutes for

10/10/2023, 10/18/2023, 10-24-2023, 10/31/2023, 11/06/2023, 11/07/2023, and closed session minutes 10/18/2023 and 10/31/2023 as a block. All approved.

Note: Beverly Carlton abstained from voting on 10/24/2023 minutes due to absence.

Business:

Interim Director Kenny Rhyne updated the board on the plans for the Burke County Board of Elections hosting the State Board of Elections Campaign Finance training. The information has been submitted to the state with optional dates. The state will let us know which date they select.

Precinct worker training for early voting and election day for the primary is being scheduled.

Date will be set by next meeting.

Linda Walker made a motion to allow the Director to proceed with the three training dates.

All approved.

Discussion was held on the early voting hours for the March primary 2024 pursuant to

GS 163-227.2. Linda Walker made a motion to table the discussion/decision till the next meeting on 11/16/2023. All approved.

Discussion was held on having split shifts for election workers for early voting. This will be handled by Kenny.

Interim Director Rhyne provided information requested by the board on pay rate for election workers in surrounding counties for a comparison by the Burke County Board of Elections. After discussion, Linda Walker made a motion to table any decisions till the December meeting to allow time to get more information. All approved.

FYI: After discussion on websites for surrounding counties, Linda Walker asked Kenny to invite the County IT director, and Daniel Lasher to the January 2024 regular meeting. Interim Director Rhyne updated the board on the 2023 municipal election. All reconciliation numbers balanced. 2,986 total votes, 1443 early votes, 17 absentee ballots were cast in the election.

The hand/eye recount was held on 11-09-2023. All totals balanced perfectly. The new procedure for matching the totals determined by the hand eye count was compared to the tape generated by the DS 200 was appreciated by the workers.

Other business:

Discussion was held on the possible need for a temporary employee to help out in the office till Director Mace returns. This will be on the agenda for the December meeting.

FYI: Interim Director Rhyne told the board there was a district meeting on 11-29-2023 and requested Amy and Trent attend with him. He will make arrangements for fill in workers to staff the office. No action necessary.

With no further business, Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 12:10PM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary