

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY, JANUARY 09, 2024
REGULAR MEETING

Attending; LH Kirksey, Sandi Walker, Beverly Carlton, and Linda Walker. Absent: Anthony Iovino .
Staff; Kenny Rhyne County Staff; IT Director Scott Black and Daniel Lasher
Guests: Carla Kincaid, Dot Williams (League of Women voters), and Barbara Myers.
Chairman LH Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10:00AM, led the Pledge of Allegiance,
followed by a moment of silence.

Public

comments;

Carla Kincaid had questions on important dates for the primary election and where to get information on rules for election procedure. Staff will supply request.

Barbara Myers expressed appreciation for the addition of another Saturday for early voting and will work to get out voters. She also thanked the staff for being so helpful.

Sandi Walker made a motion to amend the agenda to add relocation of two precinct polling places, add the Chairman's request to go into closed session and approve the agenda as amended. All approved.

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2023, as presented. All approved.

Business:

Chairman LH Kirksey welcomed Scott Black and Daniel Lasher to our meeting and thanked them for their time to talk with us about our website for the Board of Elections and answer any concerns the board members had.

Linda Walker expressed her ideas on the layout of the web site and requested a different link for the agenda to make it easier to find.

Daniel suggested we also add any important dates for the election to our county calendar site as well.

Interim director Kenny Rhyne presented the final list of candidate filings for the March Primary. He gave a report on the disposal of the out of date records and election materials.

The absentee ballot requests portal is now open. Some respondents have only asked for ballots for the general election. He will be contacting the voters making those requests to see if they want primary ballots.

Ballots for the primary have been proofed, ballots styles set, and stock has been ordered.

L & A testing will be the first week of February or possibly the last week of January. Kenny will notify board members.

Kenny is getting the MAT teams ready and contacting the elder care facilities to assist them.

Saturday February 24, 2024, 8AM – 3PM, has been added to the early voting schedule per decision by the NC State Board of Elections.

Budget discussion is pending.

Sandi Walker has contacted the radio stations; WHKY in Hickory and WMNC in Morganton. She will be a guest on WHKY Feb. 13, 8AM and WMNC Feb. 6, 8AM.

Beverly Carlton has been working on a video program for Compass Cable. She suggested we meet to put together a plan for the program.

Linda Walker made a motion to have a special meeting to plan for the Compass video on January 19 at 10AM. All approved.

Discussion was held on the need to relocate two polling locations. Linda Walker made a motion to make a resolution to relocate the Lovelady 1 precinct and the Icard 1 precinct locations and submit to the SBOE.

All approved. FYI: Kenny will prepare the resolution for the board to sign.

Sandi Walker made a motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue at 11:45AM. All approved.

Chairman LH Kirksey called the regular session back in order at 12:20 PM

Beverly Carlton made a motion to adjourn at 12:20PM. All Approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, secretary.