

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024
4TH ABSENTEE BALLOT MEETING**

Attending; LH Kirksey, Sandi Walker, Beverly Carlton, and Anthony Iovino.
Absent: Linda Walker,
Staff; Kenny Rhyne, Trent Price

Guests: 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: None

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

Business:

Interim Director Kenny Rhyne gave an update on early voting totals.

3128 votes have been cast. (2308 Republican ballots, 819 Democrat ballots, and 1 Libertarian)

This is 655 ahead of the number of votes cast in the 2020 presidential primary.

Kenny then provided the board members with a list of the list of poll workers for the primary election day.

Sandi Walker questioned the eligibility of one of the chief judges. This will be researched.

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

37 absentee ballots have been received for the board members to process at this meeting.

24 absentees that are properly submitted, 8 with affidavits for review, 4 overseas (to be replicated), and one spoiled(deceased voter).

During the review, an envelope/ballot was rejected to be returned to voter to get witness signatures.

Trent Price opened the DS 200 and verified with the board members the public count of 62.

The board members processed, approved 31 ballots, replicated the 4 overseas ballots, and signed all envelopes for the absentees. The envelopes were opened and the ballots fed in the DS 200.

Trent verified with the board members the new public count of 97 and closed the machine.

Interim Director Kenny Rhyne told the board members the changes in election day procedures mandated the early voting totals not be run till after the polls close at 7:30PM.

Sandi Walker made a motion to change the next meeting on 03-05-2024, election day to 7pm.
All approved.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 11:10AM. All approved.
Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary