

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY, MARCH 05, 2024
5TH ABSENTEE BALLOT MEETING
7 PM**

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

Staff; Kenny Rhyne, Trent Price

Guests: Late arrival Carla Kincaid, Caroline Avery

Chairman LH Kirksey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Public comment; none

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

Business:

Interim Director Kenny Rhyne reported on all the numerous activities underway at the board of elections and the polling places. A few workers had to be moved around due to a few absences of scheduled workers. Everything overall is going well.

He was asked by the State Board of Elections for a turnout report. An approximate total of 1400 voters had voted as of 10AM.

The only problem reported was voter confusion on the local partisan races.

He had 67 ballots for the board members to process. Two ballots were spoiled because they had no witnesses listed on the envelope.

Trent opened the DS 200 absentee tabulator. Sandi Walker verified with Trent the public count as 97.

The first batch of absentee ballots (20) had ID exceptions for the board to approve. These were processed by the board members and given to Trent to tabulate.

The next group were 3 overseas ballots and had to be replicated by the board members.

The remaining 42 ballots were processed by the board members, opened and tabulated in the DS-200.

Two absentee ballots were torn and had to be spoiled and replicated. This was done by board members.

Total ballots 65 tabulated brought the public count to 162. This was verified by Sandi Walker and Trent Price.

Trent closed out the ABS spare, rolled the tape, and had the board members sign the tape.

At 7:40pm Trent then opened all of the early voting machines, the two unused spares, and verified the public count of all machines with the secretary, Sandi Walker.

Glen Alpine Town Hall - 618, Burke Senior Center – 1944, East Burke Senior Center – 1028,

Rutherford College Town Hall – 1036, and Board of Elections - 1683

He then closed out all of the machines. The Board members rolled the tapes of the machines as they were closing out. When all were finished, all board members signed all of the tapes. Trent took all of the tapes and usbs to transmit the data to the SBoE at 8:10PM.

With no further business for the board, Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary