

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY APRIL 09, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
10AM**

Attending: LH Kirksey, Sandi Walker, Beverly Carlton, Linda Walker, and Anthony Iovino.
Staff; Kenny Rhyne
Guests; Barbara Myers, Sharon Everhart, Carla Kincaid, and Diane Scott

Chairman LH Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Public comments: Chairman Kirksey welcomed our new guests and informed them of our allotted time for guests to speak. Both declined.

Barbara Myers questioned whether Don Hemstreet had met his petition requirement to be on the fall ballot. She was informed "yes". She also had questions on school board candidates without opposition.

Linda Walker made a motion to add setting and approval of the early voting schedule for the 2024 Fall Presidential election. All approved.

Linda Walker moved to approve the agenda as amended. All approved.

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the minutes for the following meetings:
03-12-2024 regular meeting, 03-14-2024 supplemental/provisional meeting,
03-15-2024 canvass, 03-21-2024 special meeting, 04-01-2024 special meeting,
04-03-2024 special meeting. 04-08-2024 special meeting as presented. All approved.

Business:

Interim Director Kenny Rhyne gave a brief update on an email received from the State Board of Elections on setting the schedule for early voting for the fall election. Discussion was held on days and hours for the 2020 Presidential Election. He suggested we follow the schedule for the 2020 election.

After discussion, Linda Walker made the motion to set the schedule for Early Voting for the 2024 Presidential Election for October 17 through November 2, 2024

Weekday hours will be 8AM-7:30PM and the three Saturdays (10-19, 10-26, 11-2) 8AM-3PM. All approved.

Kenny then discussed the training for election workers. Training is scheduled for April 23, 2024.

31 chief judges will be trained separately at 2PM and the remaining judges and assistants will be trained later the same day at 5:30PM.

Kenny told the board members no absentee ballots had come in for the board to process today. A question was asked whether the board had to meet if there were no absentee ballots. He will check and see what the SBoE says.

Discussion was held on a couple of the polling places that needed attention. The Senior Center and Quaker 2 need a few issues addressed. Chairman Kirksey talked with the Director at the Senior Center and will be working with them to make corrections.

The board needs to get more information to make a more informed decision. This will be scheduled for the May meeting.

Sandi Walker had asked about possible concerns cited by election workers in the March primary. Kenny read the suggestions returned by the workers. The issues were minor and will be corrected before the next election.

Kenny presented the list of workers for the early voting in the second primary.

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the list of workers for the second primary presented by the Interim Director. All approved.

Public records request by Carol Snow has been supplied. All concerns have been investigated by the Interim Director and documented.

Kenny gave a budget update for the board and went through the budget document.

The board wants to host a retirement recognition event for former Director Debbie Mace.

Board members will make a list of ideas and put it together at the May meeting.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to go into closed session at 12:15 PM to discuss a personnel matter. All approved.

Chairman LH Kirksey called the open session back to order at 12:42 PM.

With no further business for the board, Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 12:42PM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary