

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY MAY 14, 2024
REGULAR / 5TH ABSENTEE BALLOT MEETING
5PM

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

Chairman LH Kirksey called in to notify board members he would be delayed because he was still visiting polling locations. Staff; Kenny Rhyne, Trent Price

Guests; none

Secretary Sandi Walker called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Public comments; none

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. All approved.

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the minutes for 04-09, 04-12, 04-19, 04-23, and 05-07-2024 as presented.

Business:

Director Kenny Rhyne reported the number of votes cast by 10AM and 4PM. The State Board of Elections had requested this information. At 10AM 100 votes had been cast and 401 votes had been cast at 4PM.

Director Rhyne gave the board members a spreadsheet of pay for board members in surrounding counties.

Discussion was held on the precinct visits for compliance assessments. A question was asked about how precinct lines were drawn. Director Rhyne informed the members the State Board of Elections has priority, but input for changes can be made by the county after a census and redrawing of congressional districts. This question was raised because of comments from voters to board members about concerns of voters being disenfranchised by inconvenient location of boundaries which force voters to travel past a voting location that would be more convenient to them, to go to a polling place in their assigned precinct.

Chairman LH Kirksey arrived, and Secretary Walker turned the meeting over to him.

Board members continued their discussion on their visits to the polling locations. The overall results of the assessments were positive.

The board then discussed the plans for the retirement party for Former Director Debbie Mace.

Chairman Kirksey has spoken with Debbie to see what time and day would be best for her.

After a short discussion, it was determined a drop-in event one of the three Thursdays

June 13, 20, or 27, 4 – 6PM would be our target.

Secretary Walker informed the board the corrected job description for Deputy Director had been sent to and changed by Mr. Rhoney and will be posted on the county web site.

Director Rhyne had the Absentee Abstract form to be processed by the board. Anthony Iovino confirmed the public count on the DS 200 as 27. Trent then closed out the machine and ran the final tape for the board members to sign. He then secured the DS 200.

Kenny then filled out the Abstract, had the board members sign it and then notarized it.

Anthony Iovino made the motion to go into closed session to approve minutes for the previous closed session meetings at 7:02PM. All approved.

Chairman LH Kirksey called the open session back to order at 7:07 PM

Anthony Iovino made a motion adjourn at 7:11 PM. All approved

Submitted by Sandi Walker, secretary