

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY JUNE 11, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
10 AM**

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

Guests; Janice MacDonald, Dot Williams, Barbara Myers, and Gloria Chambers

Chairman LH Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Public comments; none

Sandi Walker introduced Janice MacDonald to make a presentation to the board of a sculpture to honor HAVA and disabled voters aided by this act. The sculpture will be displayed in the Board of Elections office. The Board members thanked Mrs. MacDonald for her contribution.

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

Linda Walker made the motion to approve the minutes for the meetings of 05-13, 05-14, 05-23, and 05-28-2024 as presented. All approved.

Business:

Director Rhyne informed the board members of the Wellness Check scheduled by the SBoE. This is a check on the activities of the Board of Elections on our procedures, emergency plan, etc. The State will go over the checklist with the staff.

List maintenance has been completed.

The Board of Elections office is being redone. The DMV que is almost complete. Voter registrations had been on hold till the canvass of the second primary. Processing of registrations is almost caught up.

Out of recent training, Director Rhyne has begun the tracking of activities conducted by the Board of Elections. This will be helpful in the future in determining needs for the office and budgeting for activities.

Director Rhyne then gave an update on the budget for the Board of Elections. This is being voted on by the County Commissioners.

Director Rhyne answered questions from the board members on classifications of categories and budget changes made by the County Manager.

Concerns raised by the board members were mostly on cuts in the budget. According to the county budget manager, Lucas Jackson, any shortfalls in the budget needs will be moved from other categories to address the needs of the Board of Elections.

Director Rhyne then gave an update of the preparations for the Retirement Party for former Director Debbie Mace. All is ready to go for the 13th.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters at 11:21 AM. All approved.

Chairman LH Kirksey called the open session back to order at 11:49 AM.

Linda Walker made a motion for a special called meeting to hold interviews for five applicants for Deputy Director on June 21, 2024 at 10 AM. All approved.

Anthony Iovino made the motion to adjourn at 11:51 AM. All approved

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary