

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

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

Guests; Barbara Myers

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

Public comments; none

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

Business:

Linda Walker made the motion to approve the minutes of the June meetings; 06-06, 06-11, and 06-21-2024 with abstention for Beverly Carlton for 06-21-2024 due to absence.
All approved.

Director Kenny Rhyne updated the board on the filings for the Soil and Water which ended July 05, 2024, and the Municipal races for the 2024 General Election. Filing will close for these races at noon July 19, 2024. There are 3 seats open for Rutherford College and 2 seats for Hildebran.

Director Rhyne also informed the board of pending ballot amendments before the NC Legislature and a proposed sales tax increase by the Burke County commissioners. All items to be placed on the ballot are running out of time to be determined as the preparations for the ballots are underway and need to be in place to go out Sept. 6, 2024.

Director Rhyne then gave an update on the status of the pending relocation of the polling place for Quaker Meadows 2. He has been in contact with Pastor Mike Thompson at Faith Presbyterian Church on Bost Rd. The pastor is to contact Kenny as soon as he has heard from the elders of the church. Kenny will also be looking at other possible locations for the precinct.

Kenny then gave the board members the latest edition of the NC General Statutes on Election Law. He also updated the board on the training at the Fall Conference scheduled for staff and board members sponsored by the State Board of Elections.

Dustin Wise, our new Deputy Director for the Board of Elections, will start on July 15, 2024.

Anthony lovino made the motion to go into closed session to approve minutes from previous closed session and discuss personnel matters at 10:40AM. All approved.

Chairman LH Kirksey called the open session to order at 10:51AM.

Anthony lovino made a motion to adjourn at 10:51 AM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary