

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

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

Staff; Kenny Rhyne, Dustin Wise

Guests; Barbara Myers, Dot Williams, Diane Scott, and Ann Moncrief.

Chairman LH Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Public comments: Barbara Myers asked about clarification on voter ID.

Director Rhyne provided an answer and referred her also to the information on the NCSBE website.

Dot thanked the individuals that attended the NC Trusted Election Tour on Thursday, August 22.

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

Kenny presented clarification on the discussion and motion to approve board members (one from each party) to review rather than "verify" the absentee ballots with exception forms prior to the absentee ballot meetings.

Note: This was from the previous regular meeting.

Chairman LH Kirksey made a motion to add discussion on the status of the sidewalk changes at the Senior Center to the agenda and approve the agenda as amended. All approved.

Business.

Director Rhyne presented the list of Early Voting workers.

Sandi Walker made a motion to approve the list as presented by the Director. All approved.

He then reported on the return of 61 thousand ballots printed for the general election. This was due to the We the People Party candidate requesting his name be removed from the ballot.

Proofing of the new ballots is completed and the order for the new ballots was placed this morning.

Director Rhyne gave the board members a report on the SAFE assessment for McDowell County for reference with our report.

Our window has been replaced at the counter to protect the employees.

The Director will be sending a letter to the county manager, Brian Epley, to inform him of the assessment.

Linda Walker reported three press releases have been sent out to local media outlets. She and Beverly Carlton had worked on putting the information together. Kenny reported the legal notices for the election have been submitted as required by the NCSBE from the state template. Ads will be placed in the "Paper". The cost will be \$458.00.

The Precinct Election Day notebooks have been established and will be in the packets for the chief judges. This is a complete collection of information necessary for election day procedures. All color coded for convenience.

Chairman Kirksey gave the board members an update on the status of the sidewalk changes for the Senior Center. It is expected to be ready for the Early voting "second week of October".

Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 11:20 AM. All approved.
Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary