

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY OCTOBER 29, 2024
4th ABSENTEE MEETING
10 AM**

Attending; Sandi Walker, Beverly Carlton, Linda Walker, Anthony Iovino, and LH Kirksey.
Staff; Kenny Rhyne, and Trent Price
Guests; Barbara Myers and Dot Williams
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: Dot thanked all working in the election for their work.
Chairman LH Kirksey thanked the board members and staff for their work during his absence.

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

26,225 (43.11%) of registered voters have voted so far. Early voting ends Saturday November 2, 2024, at 3PM.

Kenny will be meeting with FEMA later today to get the arrangements for the tent to be erected at Smyrna Baptist Church (Upper Creek Precinct) for election day.

Kenny noted we are still working on getting more people to work on election day, if needed.

Trent opened the DS-200 tabulator, verified the public count of 462, with Secretary Walker confirming.

Kenny has received and verified 425 ballots for the board to process.

15 military ballots and 14 overseas ballots have been replicated by two of the board members (one from each party) along with 112 civilian ballots that needed ID affidavit review. 271 civilian ballots that have ID with the ballots bring the total of ballots to be processed to 425.

During the processing, one ballot was rejected due to lack of one witness on the envelope. This ballot will be spoiled and new one reissued to the voter. This reduced the total of ballots to 424.

The board members processed the ballots, opened them and gave them to Trent for tabulation.

The public count of 886 was then verified by Secretary Walker and Trent.

Trent then closed the DS-200.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 11:45AM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary