

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
MONDAY NOVEMBER 04, 2024
5th ABSENTEE MEETING
5PM**

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

Staff; Kenny Rhyne, Dustin Wise, and Trent Price

Guests; Dot Williams

Chairman LH Kirksey 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 the motion to approve the agenda as presented. All approved.

Updates from the Director.

Early vote totals: 59.06% of registered voters, 36,413 voted as of Saturday.

Kenny also gave an update on the status of the FEMA work at Smyrna Baptist Church. He had checked on the security and the operational arrangements which will be in place through the election. The tent will be removed Wednesday or Thursday.

Absentee ballots to be processed are 135 civilian with affidavit ID review, 15 military and 16 overseas (replicated), 413 civilian with ID. Total 579.

Trent opened the DS 200 tabulator and verified with Secretary Walker the public count of 886.

During processing of the ballots, 2 ballots were spoiled for: 1) missing signature of witness and 1) incorrect ID and signature. One ballot was re-assigned to affidavit review. This changed the designations in the following categories: 410 civilian ID accepted and 136 civilian with affidavit ID review. Added to the remaining count for military/overseas of 31 changed the new total to 577.

Trent fed the ballots into the DS 200 and verified the public count of 1463 with Secretary Walker. He then closed the machine.

Linda Walker informed the board members by adding in the absentee ballots just processed, the unofficial count for early voting was 36,990 (60.56% of registered voters).

The board members signed the reconciliation documents.

Anthony Iovino made the motion to adjourn at 7:32PM. All approved.

Next meeting will be tomorrow, 11-05-2024 at 5PM.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, secretary