

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

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

Staff: Kenny Rhyne and Dustin Wise Guests: Diane Scott, Dot Williams and Ann Moncrief

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

Public comments: none

Beverly Carlton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. All approved.

Linda Walker made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings for:

11-12-2024 REGULAR MEETING

11-14-2024 SUPPLEMENTAL/PROVISIONAL MEETING

11-15-2024 CANVASS MEETING

11-21-2024 EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING

11-22-2024 EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING

12-02-2024 EVIDENTIARY HEARING All approved.

Business:

Director Kenny Rhyne presented the Griffin appeal to the State Board of Elections from the Burke County Board of Elections evidentiary hearing.

Director Rhyne then presented the totals from the hand/eye recount for the selected voting locations of early voting at Hildebran Senior Center and the Burke County Board of Elections.

Total ballots: Hildebran Senior Center:6638 and Burke County Board of Elections 8226

Total results for each location:

Hildebran Senior Center:

Jefferson Griffin-5385, Allison Riggs-1094.11- over votes, 148 under votes --Hand/eye recount

Jefferson Griffin-5384, Allison Riggs-1094.12- over votes, 148 under votes --DS-200Tape

Board of Elections:

Jefferson Griffin-5586, Allison Riggs-2448.10-over votes, 182 under votes --Hand/eye recount

Jefferson Griffin-5586, Allison Riggs-2448.10-over votes, 182 under votes DS-200 Tape

Ref. Sec. 5.21, numbered memo 2024-09 (available on SBoE website)

Director Rhyne discussed the possibility of a statewide hand/eye recount for all precincts pending preliminary totals and possible changes from the sample recount.

Sandi Walker made a motion to authorize Director Rhyne to make any necessary arrangements to accommodate the possible recount. All approved.

The next item on the agenda was discussion on the poll worker appreciation dinner. The room is reserved for January 28, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Beverly Carlton made a presentation on changing the appreciation dinner to a more formal event with sponsors contributing money to fund the event. Her proposal is for a catered event with a formal program and other amenities. Her proposed budget is \$14,800, having the board members to raise \$10,000, and the Burke County Board of Elections contribute \$4,800. The monetary contributions will be handled through her organization, Olive Hill CEDC.

The proposed deadline for arrangements is January 10, 2025.

After some discussion and questions on the idea of this type of event, it was decided to have

Kenny check with SBoE attorney to see if monetary donations are allowed to be solicited and collected by a county board of elections.

Discussion was held on the number of provisionals processed at the Board of Elections. The remedy is to continue more intensive training for poll workers on the proper procedure for provisional ballots on election day.

Anthony Iovino made the motion to adjourn at 11:08 AM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, secretary.