

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2024
EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING
3PM**

Attending; Sandi Walker, Beverly Carlton, LH Kirksey, Anthony Iovino, and Linda Walker.
Staff; Dustin Wise, and Trent Price

Guests; Diane Scott, Tracey Norman, Don Siebel

Chairman LH Kirksey called the meeting to order at 3PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Public comments; none

Sandi Walker made a motion to correct the agenda item “introduction of petition filed by candidate” to “Preliminary consideration based on protest filed by candidate Griffin” and approve the amended agenda as presented. All approved.

Business.

Deputy Director Dustin Wise gave the board an update on the recount. There was a discrepancy in the Senior Center Early voting number. There was one (1) ballot less than the number recorded. This happened when the DS 850 was processing the ballots and a ballot was kicked out and not returned to the box when it was corrected.

The Hildebran Senior Center Early voting site ballots were processed by the DS850 which indicated 3 less ballots than had been documented. When staff ran the ballots through our DS450 tabulator, the numbers came out as originally indicated.

Total ballots cast in the 2024 General Election match the Canvass total signed by the Burke County Board of Elections board members.

Linda Walker made a motion to meet 11-22-2024 at 9AM to complete the recount canvass. All approved.

Deputy Director Dustin Wise complimented the staff for their dedication and hard work during this process.

Deputy Director Wise then presented the information for the preliminary consideration of the protest filed by candidate Jefferson Griffin.

Based on voter records and voter status, there is a request filed by the candidate to comply with information regarding.

Incomplete registration with a vote cast, 4 removed voters with a vote cast, incomplete FPCA with a vote cast.

SBoE will take jurisdiction over incomplete registration with a vote cast.

Staff will research the questions on the other two items. Dustin noted the board had addressed challenges during canvass and had removed 7 ballots challenged.

Linda Walker made a motion, pending getting a court recorder, the county attorney, and making proper notification the board will meet at 10 AM Dec. 3rd, 2024, to hold a protest hearing as filed by Jefferson Griffin. All approved.

Anthony Iovino made the motion to adjourn at 3:34PM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary