BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY MARCH 11, 2025
REGULAR MEETING

Attending; Beverly Carlton, LH Kirksey, Anthony Iovino, Sandi Walker, and Linda Walker.
Staff; Kenny Rhyne
Guests; Dot Williams, Diane Scott, and Barbara Myers

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 meeting for February 11, 2025, as presented. All approved,
Business:
The first item in updates by Director Kenny Rhyne was concerning the Lovelady 4 precinct polling location. Information from the Interim Town Manager for Valdese confirmed the town hall will not be available for the municipal election as well as the midterm primary and election for 2026. Options were discussed with the board members.
Linda Walker made a motion to table the discussion pending more information.
Kenny then gave the presentation he had prepared and presented for the Burke County Commissioners on how the Board of Elections works. Board members complimented him on the beautiful and thorough work.
Discussion was then held on inviting our elected legislators to visit with the board and discuss current bills affecting elections. Anthony will talk to both Hugh Blackwell and Warren Daniel and invite them to contact Kenny to let him know when this visit could be arranged.
FYI
Kenny gave the board members an update on the budget for the board members.
At the request of Beverly, Kenny provided a list of surrounding county board of elections pay for board members.
He then gave the board members a report on rental fees paid for polling locations.
Several of the Fire Departments are paid a wide range of fees. There was discussion on the variance in charges. The concern among the board members was about making what is paid more consistent.
Beverly moved to table the discussion to give the board members more time to come up with a formula that would be more equitable.
Anthony Iovino made a motion to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel review at 11:37AM. All approved.
Chairman LH Kirksey called the open session back to order at 12:30PM.
With no further business for the board, Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 12:30PM. All approved.
Submitted by Sandi Walker, secretary