

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING ST. SUITE 100 MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2020
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

Attending: Chairman LH Kirksey, Linda Walker, Sandi Walker, Anthony Iovino, Trossie Wall, and Director Debbie Mace.
Guest: Pam Genant

Chairman Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM, led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.
There were no public comments offered.

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. All approved.
Sandi Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from January 14, 2020 regular meeting. All approved.

Business:

Director Mace presented 5 Absentee ballots (4 civilian, 1 overseas) for the board to inspect.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to approve the ballots as presented. All approved.
Director Mace updated the members on the recent conference attended by the Director, Anthony Iovino, and Steve Kiddy in Concord. FYI
Director Mace updated the board on the arrival of the new voting equipment.
All necessary testing has been performed and are ready to be delivered to the early voting locations.

Director Mace presented the new budget proposal for 2020/2021. After some discussion, Trossie Wall made a motion to approve the budget as presented by the Director and send it electronically to the County Finance Director and the County Manager as requested. All approved.

Discussion of radio interview on voting equipment requested by Linda Walker. FYI, no action. From this discussion, Director Mace provided a Fact Sheet on Election Security from The SBOE. Board members asked the Director to see if she could have the news paper run this information as a public service article.

During these discussions the board was advised of requests made by parties involved in campaigns for information from the Board of Elections for stats and reports on voter information at the last minute before this primary election.
After discussions on the best use of the staff's time in preparing for elections,

Anthony Iovino and Sandi Walker jointly made a motion to ask parties to make their requests by email 90 days prior to elections. If the requests are made less than 90 days, the request will have to go before the board for approval at their regular meeting.
All approved.

Approval for the Closed Session minutes was stricken from the Open Session Agenda to go into Closed Session to approve Jan. 14th Closed Session minutes and discuss a personnel issue by a motion made by Sandi Walker at 12:00 PM.
All approved.

Chairman Kirksey called the board to go into Closed Session at 12:01 PM.

At 12:32 PM Chairman LH Kirksey called the Regular Open Session for The Board of Elections back to order.
With no further business for the board to address, Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 12:33 PM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary