

Burke County Board of Elections
2128 S Sterling St. Suite 100 Morganton NC
June 11, 2019
Regular Session Minutes

Attending Chairman LH Kirksey, Linda Walker, Anthony Iovino, Trossie Wall, Sandi Walker, and Director Debbie Mace. Guests, Burke County Democrat Chairman Pam Genant and Diane Geitner representing Indivisible.

Chairman Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10 AM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. He then asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. All approved. Linda Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2019 regular session as presented. All approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1- Web page update. Daniel Lasher sent an email to give partial control permission to Steve Kiddy to move things around but not to add to content.

During this update discussion was held concerning the wording of the signage for the status of the Glen Alpine Town Hall during early voting.

The Town hall will be used for early voting only in the Presidential Election year.

Linda Walker made a motion for the notice to be worded as follows: Notice:

Glen Alpine Town Hall Will be open for Early Voting during Presidential Elections. This will be posted at the Town hall and on the web site as well as in advertising. All approved

2- Monthly Budget Report. Director Mace presented the 2018/2019 budget for review.

After discussion, Linda Walker made a motion for the Board to have a Special Called meeting on June 28, 2019 for a final review of the budget.

All approved.

3- Comp hours report was made by Director Mace. This was a FYI report. No action was necessary.

4- Mileage charges. Discussion was held on mileage allowances for the board members outside of regular meetings. This was held to inform the new board members. Mileage will be allowed for Special called meetings and Absentee Ballot meetings.

5- Memo From new State Board of Elections Executive Director.

Director Mace shared a memo of objectives from the new director and her priorities.

NEW BUSINESS

1- Poll Worker List. Director Mace presented a preliminary list of Poll workers based on previous list. Actual List will be addressed in late August. Director Mace suggested looking for additional people as well as unaffiliated voters to work.

2- Director's salary. Per phone conversation, Board members agreed to ask Human Resources for the County to match the pay for the Director with the salary increases for the other employees of the Board of Elections. This request was made, but the board felt a motion to make the request official was necessary. Linda Walker made a motion to approve the request for the 15% raise for the Director from the Burke County Commissioners as discussed via phone call with the board members on May 31, 2019.

All approved.

3- Status Of H502 and options. Linda Walker had asked for an update on this legislation. The general consensus of the board after some discussion as to options was, "NO news is good news."

4- Voter turn out. Linda Walker had sent out an email with concerns about voter turn out. This was an FYI issue. After some discussion, no action was necessary. At 11:35 AM Trossie Wall requested a recess for a few minutes.

Anthony Iovino made the motion to go into Closed Session to approve agenda and minutes for May 14, 2019 Closed Session at 11:39AM

Chairman Kirksey called the Regular Session meeting resumed at 11:45AM.

Chairman Kirksey made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of May 29,2019. Linda Walker abstained as she was absent.

All that had been present approved.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 11:47 AM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary