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BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING ST. SUITE 100 MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY JUNE 16, 2020
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

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

Chairman Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. There were no public comments offered. Anthony Iovino made a motion to amend the agenda to add the May 26 Special Called meeting minutes to the agenda for approval. All approved.

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the May 12 regular session & May 26 Special called meeting minutes as presented. All approved.

Business:

Director Mace informed the board she had contacted the SBoE on the precincts the board had permanently located at the May 12 meeting. She had asked for information for the board on renaming these precincts. Per the SBoE it is advisable to wait till another election cycle to address this. After discussion, Anthony Iovino made a motion to name these precincts (Lower Fork A & B) Lower Fork and (Burkement & Silver Creek III) Pilot Mountain. All approved.

Director Mace updated the board on the status of the sign for the Board of Elections office. After some discussion, while waiting on a response from DOT, Linda Walker made a motion to allow the Director to pursue contact with Chris Guffey directly to follow up. All approved.

FYI Director Mace presented the current budget and answered questions from the board members.

Director Mace made a presentation to the board on approving, opening, and running through the optical scanning machine. She provided General Statutes addressing this issue.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to inspect the absentee ballots, open and tabulate the ballots that have been approved at each weekly absentee ballot meeting per General Statute 163-234 Sec. 1a/2a. All approved.

The board discussed an article presented by Chairman Kirksey at a previous meeting concerning early voting concerns for this fall and dealing with the Covid virus.

Director Mace discussed precautions being put in place by her office to address this issue.

After discussion, Linda Walker made a motion to to instruct the Director to prepare by purchasing masks for poll workers, disposable pens, 6' floor markers(per Covid-19 guidelines), wipes for poll workers to clean voting stands, and pursue stand alone sanitizer stations for early voting locations with refills. All approved.

Discussion was held on the recently passed HB 1169 new changes in the absentee ballot request application process and implications.

Linda Walker will work on writing a PSA to inform voters on how to apply for absentee ballots and how to register to vote.

Director Mace informed the board of grant funds available to help with precaution supplies for the upcoming election. Also there is a grant from the county pending. The Director will have to submit a request for this funding.

At 11:42 AM Anthony Iovino made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues and approve minutes from previous closed sessions. All approved.

Chairman LH Kirksey called the regular session back to order at 12:47 PM. With no further business for the board, Linda Walker made and motion to adjourn at 11:47 PM. All approved.
Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary