

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING ST. SUITE 100 MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY JULY 14, 2020 RM 132
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 10:06 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 amend the agenda to add discussion on absentee ballot and mail process to the agenda for approval. All approved.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to approve the June 16, 2020 regular session meeting minutes as presented. Trossie Wall abstained due to absence from the meeting, Remaining members approved.

Business:

Update on sign for Board of Elections

Director Mace informed the board on discussions concerning the sign for the Board of Elections, the cost and installation date. The cost of one sign is \$300.00. After some discussion, Anthony Iovino made a motion with a friendly amendment from Trossie Wall to order two signs to be placed back to back on the poles allowed by DOT, making the signs visible in both directions. The director will work with the County Finance Director to arrange the funding, per friendly amendment the funding will be taken from funds appropriated in the FY 2019-2020 Board of Elections budget. All approved.

One stop plan

Director Mace made a presentation to the board on One stop voting hours for the early voting for the 2020 election. Early voting will begin Thursday Oct. 15, 2020 and end Saturday Oct. 31, 2020. Hours will be 8 AM – 7:30 PM weekdays and 8 AM – 3 PM on Saturday Oct. 31. Trossie Wall made a motion to approve the one stop plan as presented by the Director. All approved.

Director Mace informed the board of the order of 250 Presidential election pins to give to poll workers, staff, board members, and others. After discussion on the action of a previous board, Trossie wall made a motion to affirm the decision of the previous board. All approved.

Precinct visitation list for board members

Discussion was held on how to split up the precincts to be visited by board members on election day. Director Mace will work out the list and present at the August meeting.

HB 1169 & SB 217

Discussion was held on recent legislation affecting our elections, plans to provide for a safe election due to the Corona virus, and funding being provided. FYI Update on precinct workers

Director Mace is concerned some of the scheduled precinct workers for the Nov. 3rd election may not want to work in this election due to the Corona virus. Director Mace wanted the board to approve a bonus for the poll workers for election day. Sandi Walker made a motion to table the discussion for the August 11th meeting. All approved.

Discussion on absentee ballot procedures and the mail process. FYI

Anthony Iovino made a motion to go into closed session at 11:47 AM to approve closed session minutes from June 16th, 2020 closed session. All approved.

Chairman Kirksey called a return to open session to order at 11:51 AM.

Sandi Walker made a motion to adjourn at 11:58 AM All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary