

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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TUESDAY JULY 28, 2020 RM 132
SPECIAL CALLED SESSION MINUTES

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

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.

Sandi Walker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. All approved.

Business:

Update on sign for BoE

Director Mace informed the board there was a slight delay on installing the sign to determine the location of the underground gas line. The cost for the sign and installation will be less than \$600.00.

Bonus for precinct workers

Director Mace asked the board to make a decision on a bonus for the precinct workers. This money will come from the money from the CARES Act/HAVA. The amount for the Burke County Board of Elections is \$115,441.00. Anthony Iovino made a motion to pay a One Time bonus for election day workers of \$50.00. All approved.

Supplies for PPE

Director Mace discussed with the board members materials needed for the upcoming election to keep conditions as safe as possible.

Director Mace asked for direction from the board as how to handle the possible situation of poll workers refusing to wear face masks. Linda Walker made a motion, (per directive from the State Board of Elections director) Face masks will be required. Those refusing will be excused from working this election.

All approved.

During the discussions the issue of getting face shields was addressed. Trossie Wall made a motion to purchase 275 face shields for workers in the election.

All approved.

FYI It was determined by the board members this would be a more affordable option to Plexiglass partitions.

Linda Walker made a motion to have Director Mace to purchase necessary supplies for the polling locations for cleaning, etc. These items include; wipes,

sanitizer cleaner, paper towels, supplies for additional cleaning as needed, trash cans/liners, and disposable gloves (2 boxes per site). All approved.

Training schedule for poll workers for this election

Room 163 is reserved for September 21st for early voting poll workers, September 22nd & 29th for November 3rd @5PM. A possible additional session will be added for training if needed.

FYI Discussion was held on Executive order from Karen Bell and the press release from Patrick Gannon.

Per numbered memo 2020-14, the board had to schedule additional hours for early voting. Trossie Wall made a motion to comply with this order by adding 10 hours to the schedule to be on Saturday Oct. 17 & 24, 8AM – 6PM. All approved. Also to comply with a request by Karen Bell, signs have been ordered to place at all of the early voting locations to inform voters of other locations they can go to if there is a long wait for voting.

Extra workers at precincts on election day.

Director Mace asked the board to approve adding an extra person to work at all of the precincts on election day and at the early voting locations as a Covid Alert person to hand out masks and explain sanitizer procedures. Linda Walker made a motion to approve the Director's request. All approved.

Director Mace provided the board information on back up plans in case of emergencies and reminded the board members of the upcoming staff and board virtual training on Monday and Tuesday Aug 3 & 4 8AM – 5 PM.

With no further business for the board to address, Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 12:52 PM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary