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BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTONS
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TUESDAY AUGUST 13, 2019
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

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

Secretary Sandi Walker called the meeting to order due to the delayed arrival of Chairman L. H. Kirksey at 10:05 AM. Secretary Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

There were no public comments offered.

At 10:10AM Trossie Wall made a motion to go into closed session to discuss 2 personnel matters. All approved.

The Board returned to open session at 11:02AM called by Chairman Kirksey. Linda Walker made a motion to amend/approve the agenda to add discussion on voting machines status as item #3 in old business. All approved.

A motion was made by Anthony Iovino for approval of regular session minutes 7/9/2019 and special meeting 7/17/2019. Trossie Wall abstained from voting on the 7/9/2019 minutes due to his absence. The remainder of the board approved the minutes for the 7/9/2019 meeting and all approved the minutes of the special called meeting of 7/17/2019.

Old Business-

- 1 Review monthly comp report – FYI by Director Mace. All balances are zero.
- 2 Review of new budget and items rolled over from previous budget. Discussion was held on annual expenses vs monthly. FYI no action necessary.
- 3 Discussion was held on the status of legislation affecting whether or not our voting machines will be de-certified. Director Mace informed the board there will be a teleconference with the State Board of Elections on 7/23/2019 and offered to give any members wishing to participate the necessary information. She also discussed the approval by the State Board on the types of new machines we will be able to purchase.

New Business-

1 Deletion of a candidate from the municipal election-

Director Mace formally informed the board of a candidate that was deleted from the municipal ballot due to ineligibility to be on the ballot because of their residence outside the municipality. After Director Mace had confirmed this information, she followed proper protocol, made the corrections, and informed the board of the situation. FYI, no action needed by the board.

2 Discussion of training session in Raleigh July 28-30 -

Director Mace felt the need for a follow up on the experiences and comments by the board members on the training sessions.

Discussion was held on one of the sessions addressing board members visiting the polling places on election day. Director Mace had discussed this with a State Board of Elections employee and was told the reason the State Board discourages County Board of Elections members from visiting the polls on election day is to avoid a possible compromise of the member in possibly observing an event that could go before the board as a challenge or protest to an event occurring on election day.

Trossie Wall made a motion to allow Board members to visit the polls on election day. Trossie Wall, Linda Walker, Chairman Kirksey, and Anthony Iovino – yea Sandi Walker - nay

3 Stats Chart on voter turn out 7AM – 7PM by hour-
Review of numbers FYI, no action needed.

4 Poll Worker Training-

FYI Training for poll workers is scheduled for 9/30/2019 at 5PM and make up training will be 10/3/2019 at 5PM at the Foothills Higher Education Center. Board members are encouraged to attend.

5 Approve/reject poll worker list-

Director Mace presented the list of poll workers for the November 5th 2019 election. Ninety-eight have confirmed and six more are needed.

Sandi Walker made a motion to confirm the list as presented by the Director. After discussion, all approved.

More discussion was held on the poll worker additions. No action will be taken till those additions are made.

With no further business for the board, Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 12:25PM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker Secretary