

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING ST. SUITE 100 MORGANTON NC 28655
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2020 RM 132
PROVISIONAL / SUPPLEMENTAL AND
FINAL ABSENTEE BALLOT MEETING MINUTES

Attending: Chairman LH Kirksey, Linda Walker, Sandi Walker, Anthony Iovino
Trossie Wall, Steve Kiddy, and Director Debbie Mace.
Guests; Pam Genant, Barbara Myers

Chairman Kirksey called the meeting to order at 5:13 PM, led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.
Pam Genant and Barbara Myers thanked the board and the Director for their hard work.

Trossie Wall made a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion on absentee ballots that were returned by the Greensboro Post Office and the Morganton Post Office and document this event in our minutes. This will be added at the beginning of the agenda. All approved.
Sandi Walker made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. All approved.

Business;

Discussion was held on the ballots that were returned undelivered by the Morganton and Greensboro PO. 15 ballots from Morganton and 7 ballots from Greensboro were presented by the Director. (note this had been discussed in the previous regular meeting) Mr. Wall had more questions and wanted this documented before Canvass. After some discussion, it was determined nothing could be done at this stage and would not affect the vote count. Director Mace will do more research on these ballots per request of the board and present the information to the board at the December regular meeting.

Linda Walker asked for a count of returned ballots for the December meeting as well. Anthony Iovino made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/29, 10/06, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/02, 11/03, 11/04 absentee ballot meetings. All approved. Director Mace presented 2 military ballots that came in after the last meeting and were postmarked before election day and six ballots returned by the Post Office undelivered (received @ 4:20 PM 11-12-2020).

The board members looked at the items presented, Linda Walker replicated the two military ballots, Sandi Walker confirmed them.

Trossie Wall made a motion to affirm the 2 military ballots as presented and processed and note the receipt of the undelivered ballots. All approved.

FYI of the six ballots returned, 4 of the voters early voted and 2 did not.

Director Mace discussed the process of how provisional ballots are researched. 116 provisional ballots were cast on election day. After research, 49 were rejected and 67 were valid.

The board members asked several questions and then processed the valid ballots and Director Mace and Steve Kiddy tabulated the valid ballots. The machine ballot count matched the number of ballots (67).

Trossie Wall made a motion to acknowledge that 11 of the 49 provisional ballots that were rejected had been inefficiently processed by the DMV. All approved.

Trossie Wall made a motion to approve the processing and tabulation of the 67 valid provisional ballots and 290 supplemental ballots. All approved.

Sandi Walker made a motion to recess from the open session to go into closed session to approve minutes from 10-20-2020 closed session and discuss personnel matters at 6:24 PM. All approved.

Chairman Kirksey call the open session back to order at 6:54 PM.

Trossie Wall made a motion to add \$50.00 to the previously approved \$50.00 for election day workers (\$100.00 total). All approved.

FYI Dec. 8th regular Session board meeting will be followed by a board/ staff lunch.

With no further business, Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 6:57 PM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker Secretary