

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING ST. SUITE 100 MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY MARCH 09, 2021 RM 132
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

Guests; Pam Genant

Chairman Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10 AM, led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

There were no public comments.

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

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 09, 2021 regular session as presented. All approved.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2021 special called meeting as presented. All approved.

Business;

Director Mace updated her presentation of the previous meeting of February 12, 2021 by informing the board members the DS 850 high speed scanner and vote tabulator would be over kill for our needs. After her conversation with ES & S, she was advised the DS 450 would be more appropriate for our needs and half the price of the DS 850.

Director Mace listed items included in the purchase of the DS 450 along with the cart, table, and accessories would cost an estimated \$56,000. This money would come from the additional CARES funding.

She did note this did not include software, back-up, and training.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to approve the purchase of the DS 450 and accessories. All approved.

FYI Director Mace also presented a list of other items that could be purchased with the additional CARES money. This included 5 canopy tents to be used during early voting for curbside voting, 8gi usb drives, new carts, and 5 back up cages for voting equipment and supplies.

Linda Walker made a motion for the Director to present a list of items requested and any other items needed with projected costs for our next regular meeting. All approved.

Trossie Wall made a motion to have the Director pursue finding additional voting booths that are more substantial than those we currently have. All approved.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to allow the Director to purchase back up electionware for the pc. All approved.

FYI Director Mace provided an email reply from Rhonda on our question on pay for the Election Specialist II position and how to request a higher amount commensurate with experience. Director Mace has a candidate she believes will be a good choice for the position. She will conduct a second interview on March 22, 2021.

Discussion was held on the starting salary for the Election Specialist II position. It was determined to follow Rhonda's email response. No action taken.

Sandi Walker made a motion to schedule a special meeting on March 23, 2021 at 10AM to interview the candidate for the Election Specialist II position. All approved.

FYI Director Mace provided an article by Bob Joyce on elections and redistricting. Anthony Iovino made a motion to go into closed session to approve closed session minutes from February 12, 2021 and discuss a legal matter at 11:29 AM. All approved.

Chairman Kirksey called the open session back in session at 11:53 AM.

Chairman Kirksey will contact board members and the Director once he has communicated with the lawyer.

With no further business, Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 12:13 PM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, secretary