

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING ST. SUITE 100 MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY MARCH 23, 2021 RM 132
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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

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.

Trossie Wall made a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion on operational procedures for the board members. All approved.

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

Trossie Wall pointed out a handbook for new board members. FYI no action necessary.

Trossie Wall made a motion to go into closed session to meet with candidate for Election Specialist II position and discuss legal matters at 10:13 AM. All approved.

Chairman Kirksey called the open session back to order at 11:13 AM.

FYI Director Mace provided the board members with information on an additional piece of equipment for the Board of Elections. Ballot on Demand election equipment will streamline the election process and save on excess ballot printing and avoid mistakes in giving the wrong ballot to a voter. She also noted the need for 5 more complete operational systems and 2 extra printers for back up. The cost for this equipment is \$23,700, plus per additional information from ES & S for training for staff and Director will bring the cost to \$32,000. The money for this equipment will also come from the additional CARES funds.

Sandi Walker made a motion to approve the Director's request for the purchase of the Election on Demand equipment. All approved.

Director Mace supplied the board members with a recent piece of proposed legislation introduced in the State Legislature, SB 326. Discussion was held, no action necessary.

Sandi Walker made a motion to hire Dustin Wise for the position of Election Specialist II pending background check/drug test, with a 6 month probation period. All approved.

Sandi Walker made a motion to adjourn at 11:57 AM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, secretary