

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Attending: Chairman LH Kirksey, Linda Walker, Anthony Iovino, Beverly Carlton, and Sandi Walker. Staff: Director Debbie Mace. Guests: Barbara Myers

Chairman Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM, led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Public comments; None

Beverly Carlton made a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion on lawsuits against the directors of county Boards of Elections. All approved.

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

Anthony Iovino made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 09, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Beverly Carlton abstained due to absence from that meeting.

All the remaining board members approved.

Old Business;

Director Mace informed the board members there were additional unexpected costs for the purchase of the trailers to haul the voting equipment. Finance had discovered taxes, tags, fees, and stabilizers for the trailers were not included in the original quote. This amount had to be included to finalize the purchase of the trailers. This amount of \$4250.00 had to be transferred from our rental truck line item.

New Business;

Director Mace asked the board for direction on use of cell phones by poll workers during the election. After discussion, Chairman LH Kirksey made a motion stating;

Cell phone use by poll workers during voting hours is limited to emergency use only. Poll workers are to exit the polling area to use their phone. All approved.

Discussion was then held on laws pertaining to weapons in the polling places.

State Statute 14-415.11 C)7 was referenced. Linda Walker made a motion to contact the county attorney for clarification/concurrence of the statute regarding posting a sign stating "no weapons allowed in polling place" with a reference to the State Statute in the notice.

All approved.

FYI Poll worker training October 03 and 04, 2022 at 5 PM, First Absentee ballot meeting October 04, 2022 at 10 AM.

Discussion was held on concerns of Linda Walker. Emailed list of concerns is in packet.

These concerns and ideas were discussed. From these discussions two motions were made.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to purchase NC State shaped flag lapel pins to give the precinct workers to show the board's appreciation for their work. All approved.

Linda Walker made a motion to make pictures of the group of precinct workers during the training sessions to submit to the News Herald. All approved.

Other items in the discussion have been resolved or followed up by Linda.

Discussion was held on the lawsuits that have been filed against various Directors of the Board of Elections throughout the state. FYI only, No decision necessary.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 11:33 AM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary