

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023
FIRST ABSENTEE BALLOT MEETING

Attending; Sandi Walker, Anthony Iovino, LH Kirksey, and Linda Walker. Staff: Kenny Rhyne
Absent: Beverly Carlton
Guests; Barbara Myers and Ann Moncrief.

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

Public comments:

Barbara Myers stated she was thankful about the good news on our director Debbie Mace. She again encouraged the board to reconsider extending the hours scheduled for early voting in the March Primary.

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

Business:

Affirmation of emergency closing of the Board of Elections Office due to illness of staff.

Linda Walker made a motion to affirm the one day closure of the Board of Elections due to positive tests for Covid for several early voting election workers and staff. The office was closed on Monday October 23, 2023. Decision was made via contact by phone to all board members by Chairman Kirksey on Sunday evening October 22. All approved.

Interim Director Kenny Rhyne presented 10 absentee ballots received.

One ballot was spoiled and reissued, three ballots were presented with the ID exception for the board members to review. The board members approved the three ballots as valid.

Six other ballots were reviewed by the board members and accepted as valid.

Sandi Walker made a motion to accept the nine absentee ballots and hold till there were more ballots to be processed. All approved.

Other business:

Chairman Kirksey asked the members to change the next absentee ballot meeting time scheduled for October 31, 2023' to allow for a previously scheduled appointment.

Sandi Walker made a motion to change the next absentee ballot meeting time to 9 AM Tuesday October 31, 2023. All Approved.

Director Kenny Rhyne gave the board a breakdown on the total so far for early voting. 399 have voted in the first three days of early voting.

FYI Chairman Kirksey will be meeting with the the County Manager to sign the appropriate papers to affirm Kenny Rhyne as temporary Director for the Board of Elections.

With no further business, Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 11:50AM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary