

Mecklenburg County Electoral Board

December 15, 2020

Approved Minutes

Present were Jeanne M. Capello Chair (by phone), Yvonne Alexander Co-Chair, Jason Corwin Registrar, and Darcell Terry Assistant Registrar.

Guests: None.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Alexander at 1:04 PM. Followed by a moment of silence.

The proposed agenda was agreed to with one addition of discussing our voting machines.

The minutes of October 20, 2020 were approved as presented.

Mr. Corwin gave an update of the new office. Painting has begun, as well as replacing the light fixtures, and door locks. The building has been cleaned out, and they are moving along very quickly.

Mr. Corwin then gave an update surrounding the controversy of Dominion Voting Machines. He has received several inquiries about the machines used in the county and has ensured voters, and the Board of Supervisors reassurances that our machines have not been updated since 2016. Also, the machines have been tested by the EAC (Election Assistance Commission) a federal body, the Department of Elections, and had to go through acceptance testing by the county. The version of the software that is installed on the machine is not the version that is currently under question. We have a newer version. He still has the utmost faith in the ability of these machines to be used, and to count accurately and correctly all ballots placed in the machine.

Mr. Corwin gave an update on the remaining funds of the CTLC grant. We have \$2219.99 remaining. A motion was then made by Ms. Alexander that Mr. Corwin and Mrs. Terry receive a hazard pay bonus of \$700.00 each, also that each of the 3 board members (Ms. Capello, Ms. Alexander, and Mr. Chadeayne) receive \$200.00 of hazard pay. Lastly that the two machine techs (Mr. Russell and Mr. Cox) receive \$100.00 for hazard pay. This is because of carrying out an election in an unprecedented time. It was seconded by Ms. Capello. A vote was taken 2- yes and 0 - Against.

Mr. Corwin then discussed the quote from Mike Brown regarding our new pollbooks. He said it was much higher than he had thought it would be. He suggested that if he was able to install windows 10 on our laptops that we currently have that he would save a substantial amount of money. He is planning on taking our precincts existing laptops stripping all of the ram out of one placing it in the other. Then he was going to attempt to install windows 10.

Mr. Corwin then informed the board that he had received almost all of the training accessories that he had ordered. He received the new board room projection screen along with the new laptop, and projector. He was just waiting on the portable projection screen.

Next, Mr Corwin presented the presentation that was previously distributed to the Electoral Board. Then was instructed to share this information on facebook so that the citizens of Mecklenburg could see the voter turnout information for the November General Election.

Mr. Corwin then gave a post election update to the Board of Supervisors, so they are able to understand the massive workload that the November General Election was in his office. He thanked them for their support, and fielded several questions from the board. The board is interred in permanently moving the Gators precinct to the middle school. We need to contact the school board member from that district Mr. Allgood and make sure that he is on board for the continued use of this precinct. It will then be placed on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.

Next was discussed a matter of one of the election officers who has been spreading false and inconsistent information as it pertained to Election Day. Especially as it pertained to a pollwatcher. Also, this person was posting information in a polling location that was not given by the electoral board in direct defiance of instruction given by this board in the Officer of Election Notes. It was suggested that the board does not reappoint this officer of election, and to send a letter thanking them for their service to the county.

There was no public comment.

As there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting was recessed at 1:28 PM. The next meeting will be on January 12, 2021 at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason M. Corwin
Acting Secretary