

## **Mecklenburg County Electoral Board**

**October 10, 2019**

### **An-approved Minutes**

Present were Jeanne M. Capello Chair, Robert P. Chadeayne Secretary, Yvonne Alexander Vice Chair, and Jason Corwin Registrar.

The meeting was called to order by Jeanne M. Capello at 12:57 PM.

Mr. Corwin led us in a brief prayer.

A motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Motion passed.

The minutes of September 12, 2019 were approved as corrected.

Mr. Corwin indicated that preparation for election is underway, the bags are being packed and materials are being placed in the voting machines getting them ready for delivery. The delivery schedule has been prepared. All the machines came back fine after the L & A testing.

#### Absentee Outreach

The bookmarks and flyers have been prepared and are being placed in police stations and libraries around the county.

#### Page Program

Letters have been sent to the page applicants with training dates. Mr. Corwin reported that he was surprised that most of the students requested the 5:30 AM shift. With this knowledge, assignments will be finalized in the next few days and the pages will be notified.

#### Officers of Election

Mr. Corwin reported that many of the chiefs recruited and signed up several new Officer of Election workers. There have been requests by people to be moved to different precincts. Those requests will not be honored as it can cause short staffing situations. There are a few precincts, (201,604, 901, 903) where staffing is at minimal levels. Overall, the county is in really good shape with poll workers. The board reviewed precinct assignments and moved to approve the list. Motion passed.

#### Precinct 802, Gator's

Mr. Corwin contacted Mr. Wagstaff regarding the status of the building for use as a voting precinct for the November election. Mr. Wagstaff advised that the property is scheduled to be auctioned on November 6<sup>th</sup>, the day after the election. He indicated that if the property is sold, he will advise the buyer that the building has been historically used as a polling place.

Mr. Corwin also reported that he has received a letter from the Disability Law Center saying that they will be in the county inspecting polling locations regarding access and compliance with the American Disabilities Act on election day. He indicated that they will be carrying credentials and we should allow them access to observe. There was no objection by the board.

#### Absentee voting

At present there have been 67 absentee requests of which 42 have been in-person. Mr. Corwin is projecting about 350 absentee requests by Election Day. He also will be asking the CAP workers to come in for training in a couple weeks.

#### Meeting with County Administrator

Mr. Corwin has been trying to set-up a meeting with Mr. Carter for a library walk through. This is to finalize the work to be performed and Electoral Board requirements. Mr. Corwin has also been asked to make a presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding his work with the state Network Security Work Group. It is anticipated that there will be future economic impact to the County. The work group has also been looking into availability of potential grants to fund some of these changes.

#### ELECT Advisory

There will be changes to the way write-in votes are processed in the canvass. Write-in votes are not a major issue in Mecklenburg County. However, we have 19 eligible voters to vote in Broadnax Town Council seats and there are no candidates who have qualified. Brunswick County Electoral Board has the legal reporting responsibility.

Mr. Chadeayne asked what the status is of the request for Bobby Hawkins, County Sheriff, to meet with the Electoral Board to discuss general preparedness and protection of our precincts on election days. Mr. Corwin misunderstood the nature of the request because he approached the Sheriff about active shooter response. There was a general review of the state training recommendation that Electoral Boards establish working relationships with Emergency Managers, Police Departments, and the Sheriff. Mr. Corwin said he will talk to the Sheriff and set up a date to meet with him.

The date for the next meeting will be December 17, 2019 at 1:00 PM.

As there is no further business before the board a motion to adjourn was passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert P. Chadeayne

Secretary