

## Mecklenburg County Board of Electors

February 11, 2020

### Unapproved Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Capello at 1:26 PM. Mr. Corwin led us in a brief prayer.

The proposed agenda was agreed to without modification.

The minutes of December 19, 2019 and minutes of January 28, 2020 special meeting were approved as presented.

Mr. Corwin reported that he had to close the office due to a power failure last week. The duration of the power outage exceeded the battery life of the CAP voting machine. Therefore, in-person voting had to be suspended until the power returned. If a voter had presented themselves to vote a provisional ballot could have been used, however, that was unnecessary. Subsequently, the county offices were also closed for the same reason.

Office computers have been replaced because the state requires Windows 10 software in order to access the state voting records systems due to security protocol. The old office computers will be repurposed for Electoral Board use when we relocate to the new offices.

The registrar has received a letter from the Disability Law Center. The letter claims that the center visited our polling locations and states that we do not offer curbside voting in eight locations. Mr. Corwin is unaware of what locations were visited, by whom, or when. Upon review, he has documented that two of the precincts, supposedly not offering curbside voting, had multiple voters vote at curbside. Our procedure for curbside voting meets State Board of Elections guidelines, so we are unsure what the complaint is really addressing. The letter indicated that three precincts were not handicap accessible. This too, is confusing as it does not comport to the reality of the locations in question. Mr. Corwin will contact the Disability Law Center to discuss their letter.

Precinct 601 emergency relocation has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. Voters in this precinct will be advised by letter with a new voter registration card in addition to newspaper articles. Signage will be placed at the former location to alert anyone the new Location is Sharon Baptist Church on Highway Fifty-Eight.

March Primary, to date four absentee ballots have been returned. Thirty-six ballots have been mailed to voters.

Mr. Corwin advised that he has revised the training by preparing a Power Point presentation. The slides will contain numerous pictures so trainees can better see the screens and step by step actions. This will be projected onto a large screen from a computer and should improve visibility and comprehension. Training sessions are scheduled for 2/20/20 at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM. The Chiefs training will be 2/27/20 at 6:00 PM

The training for the May 5, 2020 Town Election will be 4/30/20 at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Office relocation. Mr. Corwin has met with Wayne Carter to review the details of our requirements. Mr. Carter is in agreement with our proposed layout and plan. The exception was that voting machines won't be stored in the basement due to environmental conditions. The plan now has the machines being stored on the first floor in the SE corner. A ramp will be built to facilitate moving the machines in and out of the building. A slight design change to the counter will be made to allow flexibility and the use of moveable partitions. The move date is scheduled for September.

Mr. Corwin advised that it is budget time and our budget will need to be submitted in March. Our submission will be current year and a five year look out. The largest future impact will be new poll book computers and possibly new voting machines. The state is in the process of certifying poll book equipment and vendors.

As there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 PM.

The next meeting will be on April 14, 2020 at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert P. Chadeayne

Secretary