

Mecklenburg County Electoral Board

September 12, 2019

Unapproved 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 12:51 PM.

A motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Motion passed.

The minutes of August 15, 2019 were approved as presented.

Mr. Corwin indicated that the voting machines will be programed on September 19th and invitations will go out to the parties and others to witness the procedure.

Absentee Outreach

Mr. Corwin has designed a number of flyer type handouts encouraging voters to either come to the office and vote during the early voting period or submit their request for absentee ballots. He will be placing these on Facebook and at other places such as libraries, town halls, and churches.

Page Program

Mr. Corwin reported that he has visited the schools and nineteen people returned applications to become a page. Parkview teachers and students were very receptive to the opportunity while Bluestone students were less receptive. The Parkview Government teacher mentioned that they will be having a student government program and election later in the year. Mr. Corwin advised that he is willing to offer one of our test voting machines and have it programed for their event. This would afford students firsthand experience simulating the real voting environment.

There was also discussion of a time in March whereby students will be shadowing various governmental officials to experience the day-to-day operations of government. He offered up an opportunity for students to visit the registrar's office as part of the program. Mr. Corwin will get back to the teachers with options as to activities that we can provide.

Officers of Election

Mr. Corwin reported that he sent a letter to all the chiefs regarding their staffing levels. By far the most pressing precinct is Chase City 203. We have two new people who can be placed in that precinct. Mike Denton has recruited a new person. Jerry Olsen's Clarksville precinct, is in need of one person.

A letter will go out to officers of election announcing the upcoming training sessions, this will include those signed up for the page program. The training dates will be October 17 with two sessions one at 10:00 AM and one at 6:00 PM followed by October 24th and 30th at 6:00 PM. The Pages will be invited to the October 24th training session.

A preliminary list of assignments was distributed for review. Board members reviewed each precinct and raised questions or offered comments and suggestions. The final list will be approved at the next meeting.

Precinct 802, Gator's

Mr. Corwin announced that Anne Miller called him to say that Gator's had been sold and she had taken it upon herself to talk to one of the churches in the area about relocating the precinct. Mr. Corwin advised her that we had not been officially informed and that we cannot move the precinct at this time. Also, the church she has in mind is not handicap accessible. Mr. Corwin will contact Mr. Wagstaff regarding the status of the building for use as a voting precinct for the November election.

Because of the limited time until the election, a discussion was held regarding the process for emergency relocation if for some reason Gator's becomes unavailable. The contingency plan would be to use the middle school that is approximately four miles away. Mr. Corwin will continue to follow up on this issue.

Ballot Order

The ballot order was received, however, there is a 2,700-ballot shortfall. The board discussed the potential impact of this shortfall. Because the order was predicated upon an assumed voter turnout of 70% the consensus is that the impact will be minimal. Mr. Corwin will monitor the early voting and absentee requests to determine if we have to request a supplemental order. At present there are currently 26 absentee ballot requests received.

A general question regarding the status of the office relocation. Mr. Corwin indicated that he has not received any new information, the target date is still December, 2019 for the move. He will make an inquiry.

The date for the next meeting will be October 10, 2019 at 1:00 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert P. Chadeayne

Secretary