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Official Meeting Minutes Haywood County of Elections Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Members in attendance

Chairman Danny Davis
Secretary Elizabeth Norris
Mr. Howard Sorrells
Ms. June Ray
Mr. Rusty McLean (Joined meeting in progress.)
Staff in attendance:
Director Robert Inman
Deputy Director Doyle Teague

Guests in attendance:

Tedd Carr, Myrna Campbell, Monroe A. Miller, Jr., others

Call to order: 10:01AM

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order and asked for public comments, and recognized Monroe Miller.

Mr. Miller presented information (see attachment) in reference to an information request he has submitted.

After discussion, a motion for Director Inman to seek guidance from the State Board of Elections regarding Mr. Miller's request was made by Elizabeth Norris and was seconded by June Ray. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ted Carr asked to make a comment and the Board agreed, as he had not signed up to speak. Mr. Carr spoke about election integrity, that the Haywood County Board of Elections had been outstanding, and non-partisan and he would like to see Haywood County used as a model. He stated that he would be bringing suggestions of how the processes may be updated based on what other jurisdictions were doing. He cited the absentee by mail reporting protocol daily. He also stated that at the last meeting when Secretary Norris and Ms. Ray were not present the Board conducted its business honorably.

Chairman Davis expressed his appreciation for the members of the public in attendance.

Previous Board Meeting Minutes Approval

Director Inman provided the Board with all the previous meeting minutes that had not been approved. The Board approved each set of minutes by attaching their signature to said minutes.

Administrative Report

Director Inman provided an update of list maintenance tasks that had been completed, including the List Maintenance mailing in January and the NCOA mailings.

Director Inman advised that the Green and Constitution parties had until mid-June to collect enough signatures to remain viable parties.

Director Inman provided the Board with an update on the status of redistricting and the potential ramifications of the delay of the Census including possible changes in Election dates in 2021 and 2022.

Director Inman advised the Board that there had been inquiries from individuals about running in 2022 as unaffiliated.

Director Inman advised the Board that the State Board of Elections conference August 1-3, 2021 would be held electronically.

Request for Information from the NC Attorney General's office have been fulfilled.

Adjourn: 11:02 AM Motion: McLean Second: Sorrells Vote: Unanimous

Danny Davis, Chair

Russell McLean, Member

Elizabeth Norris, Secretary

Howard Sorrell, Member



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Official Meeting Minutes Haywood County of Elections Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Members in attendance
Chairman Danny Davis
Secretary Elizabeth Norris
Mr. Howard Sorrells
Members Absent:
Ms. June Ray
Mr. Rusty McLean
Staff in attendance:
Director Robert Inman
Deputy Director Doyle Teague

Guests in attendance:

Myrna Campbell, Monroe A. Miller, Jr., others

Call to order: 10:00AM at 81 Elmwood Way, Waynesville, NC 28786.

Chairman Davis stated there was no one who had signed up to speak.

Chairman Davis stated that he would like to have a resolution in appreciation of the precinct officials prepared for the workers who worked the 2020 General Election.

Chairman Davis stated that in the 2020 General Election all the Election results were accurate and that there were no facts or evidence showing that were in Haywood County. He stated that the board worked in a non-partisan manner and each step of the process had been open to observers. The results were audited with no discrepancies found.

Secretary Norris stated she echoed the Chairman's comments and thanked the staff for their efforts.

Mr. Sorrells stated that regarding the machines that they were available for a demonstration prior to purchase and they were approved unanimously by the Board and funded by the Board of Commissioners.

Updated NCSBE Statewide Uniform Guidance/SBE Memos

None were issued during the past month.

Candidate Filing/Election Preparation

The Board was provided with a tentative Municipal Election schedule, candidate guide and were

updated on the inquiries the staff were fielding regarding filing requirements, campaign finance, and other activities related to the upcoming Election cycles.

Requests for Public Information

Oirector Inman stated there are many public requests that staff handles routinely. He noted that these requests may not be filled immediately due to other tasks that have priority.

Chairman Davis gave an outline of the NC statues as to what is considered a public record and that those documents were required to be provided when requested. Questions are not legally required to be answered but can be done so as a courtesy. Chairman Davis referenced NCGS 132.6.2 which allows for fees on certain extensive information requests and that he thought it should be in the Director's discretion what would be considered such a request.

Secretary Norris made a motion to allows for fees on certain extensive information requests and for it to be in the Director's discretion what would be considered such a request.

Member Sorrells stated he felt that the Board should be the deciding body on such requests, as to not burden the Director.

After discussion it was decided to research other agencies and the State Boards public records policies and bring that information back to the Board later.

Chairman Davis made a motion to table Secretary Norris' original motion, Secretary Norris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Motion: Davis Second: Norris Vote: Unanimous

Political Party Events

Director Inman advised of the upcoming Board of Elections member and Precinct Official Appointments.

Municipal Election One Stop Implementation Plan

Director Inman advised the Board that Implementation Plan would need to be approved by August for the November Municipal Elections. After discussion it was decided to prepare the initial plan using the same historical site and minimum hours as in previous municipal elections.

Canton Address Update

Director Inman advised the Board that per media reports all addresses in the Town of Canton were subject to change to come into compliance with the 911 standards. This will be a laborious task for staff as each address will have to be updated manually and each address range in the Geocode system may have to be edited individually.

Adjourn: 11:04 AM Motion: Sorrells Second: Norris Vote: Unanimous



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Official Meeting Minutes Haywood County of Elections Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Members in attendance

Chairman Danny Davis
Secretary Elizabeth Norris
Mr. Rusty McLean
Mr. Howard Sorrells
Members Absent:
Ms. June Ray
Staff in attendance:

Director Robert Inman

Director Robert Inman

Deputy Director Doyle Teague

Guests in attendance:

Myrna Campbell, Monroe A. Miller, Jr., Estelle Vickery

Call to order: 10:03AM at 81 Elmwood Way, Waynesville, NC 28786.

Chairman Davis stated there was no one who had signed up to speak.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Sorrells Second: McLean Vote: Unanimous

Request for a Private Tutorial

Chairman Davis reviewed Monroe Miller Jr.'s request for a private tutorial. After discussion, Rusty McLean made a motion to deny the request for a private tutorial, Mr. Sorrells seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Updated NCSBE Statewide Uniform Guidance/SBE Memos

Director Inman advised that the NCSBE had provided guidance of an upcoming postage rate increase. It was also discussed that a mass mailing would be possible due to the address issue inside the city limits of Canton.

Secretary Norris commented that a push needed to be made, possibly by the NCSBE to inform the voters in-person voting would be safe in the upcoming elections.

Candidate Filing/Election Preparation

Director Inman advised that potential candidates were still making inquiries about upcoming elections.

Political Party Events

Director Inman advised of the upcoming Board of Elections member appointments, the oaths will be administered to the Board members on July 20, 2021 at noon, with the Haywood County Register of Deeds performing the oath.

Municipal Election One Stop Implementation Plan

Director Inman advised the Board that Implementation Plan would need to be approved potentially on July 20, 2021.

Driver Disclosure Forms

Forms were provided to the members.

Board Member Conference

The Board was informed that the virtual conference would be held August 2 through 4, 2021, with Board members only required for one half day session.

Adjourn: 10:50 AM Motion: Sorrells Second: Norris Vote: Unanimous

Elizabeth Norris, Secretary

Russell McLean, Member

Howard Sorrell, Member

June L. Ray, Member