



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2020 – 3:00 pm

Regular Board Meeting

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners Chambers.

Board Members Present: Royce Richardson, Chair; Toni Reece, Secretary; Leanna Lawson, Member; Jeff Parris, Member; and Bonnie Purgason, Member

Staff Members Present: Tina Cardwell, Director; Amy Simpson, Senior Deputy Director

Other Persons Present: John Morris, County Attorney; Members of the public

ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Richardson. Chair Richardson welcomed those in attendance.

ITEM #2 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Royce Richardson, Chairman of the Board of Elections.

ITEM #3 – INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Dr. Mable Springfield Scott, Public Information Officer for Rockingham County Government.

ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Reece made the motion, seconded by Member Lawson and the vote was unanimous to approve the February 18, 2020 agenda.

ITEM #5 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Member Parris made the motion, seconded by Secretary Reece and the vote was unanimous to approve the January 21, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
- b. Member Lawson made the motion, seconded by Member Parris and the vote was unanimous to approve the January 27, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
- c. Member Parris made the motion, seconded by Secretary Reece and the vote was unanimous to approve the February 11, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.



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ITEM #6 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEM #7 – 2020 – 2021 BUDGET REQUEST

Discussion took place concerning line items for the 2020 – 2021 Budget and the following motions and requests were made:

Member Parris made the motion, seconded by Member Lawson and the vote carried 3 to 2 to set the Temporary Salaries line item to \$20,000.

Chair Richardson – Yay
Member Lawson – Yay
Member Parris – Yay
Secretary Reece – Nay
Member Purgason – Nay

The Board requested Director Cardwell provide them with calculations for 9 Precinct Officials working during One Stop Early Voting instead of 12; Add in an additional Saturday with the hours of 8 am to 3 pm; Include a Sunday with the hours of 1 pm to 5 pm; Copy of comparable Budget 2016.

Secretary Reece made the motion, seconded by Member Purgason and the vote was unanimous to set the Miscellaneous Professional line item to \$3,300.

Member Purgason made the motion, seconded by Member Parris and the vote was unanimous to remove Direct TV of \$950 and set the Utilities line item to \$6,620.

Member Purgason made the motion to set the Postage line item to \$10,000 and due to no second, the motion failed.

Member Parris made the motion, seconded by member Lawson and the vote carried 3 to 2 to set the Postage line item to \$11,000.

Chair Richardson – Yay
Member Lawson – Yay
Member Parris – Yay
Secretary Reece – Nay



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Member Purgason - Nay

ITEM #8 – 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION UPDATES

Director Cardwell informed the Board even though the turnout has been slow, everything is going well and Absentee by Mail Ballots were slowly being mailed back to the office. The Board and Director expressed the need for Precinct Officials from all parties.

ITEM #9 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Member Purgason and Member Lawson agreed to find individuals to give the Invocation at each meeting.

ITEM #10 – NEW BUSINESS

None

ITEM #11 – ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Reece made the motion, seconded by Member Lawson and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Next meeting is set for February 18, 2020 following Regular Meeting – Absentee Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Cardwell, Director

Royce Richardson, Chair