



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2018 – 3:00 PM

Regular Meeting

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 3:00 pm in the Board of Elections One Stop Room.

Board Members Present: Toni K. Reece, Chair; Velma Loy, Secretary; and Royce Richardson, Member

Staff Members Present: Tina Cardwell, Director; and Keli Watkins, Senior Deputy Director

Other Persons Present: Members of the Public

ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Loy made the motion, seconded by Member Richardson, and the vote was unanimous to approve the Agenda for this meeting.

ITEM #3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Richardson made the motion, seconded by Secretary Loy, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes of the January 16th Regular Meeting as amended.

ITEM #4 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ronald Price, Rockingham Republican Party, Reidsville NC

There are two issues regarding early voting. The question about Sunday voting, I do not believe we should have Sunday voting. We have an extended period of time for voting and the voting day. I remember when voting was one day. We have extended the voting time to a considerable amount of time for people. It's an extreme cost for the taxpayer and that's one of them to save on expenditures is to not have Sunday voting. That's the Lord's Day and we should not be using it for public activities. The other is early voting and how much time we really need for early voting. When I was young, people voted on one day. Additional time is good, but the amount of time we have for early voting is a problem. I would like to see that number reduced and make it public because it is an expense and loads down the staff. I thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion. Thank you for listening.

Jerry Carter, Pastor, Reidsville NC

I am against Sunday voting. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ got mad about people making the wrong use of His house. Sunday should be about the Lord. NFL and NASCAR take people away from the house of God. They can do that on Saturday too. It seems like Sunday has become just another play day for everybody, and it's just sad. We've left God out. We're doing the same thing here, leaving God out. I know some people may say this is the only day they can get there. If they can get them there on Sunday, they can get them there on Saturday, Friday, Thursday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday also. This is the Lord's Day. Six days to vote. He rested on the seventh and we should too. Everyone I have personally spoken with said they are against it, and I'm sure they are. I thank you for allowing me to be here today and I think we all should be against this. It's taking away from the house of God, the things of God and the day of God. That's my premise for it. It's not for voting, it's the Lord's Day and we should honor it.

ITEM #5 – 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION ONE STOP PLAN

Director Cardwell presented to the Board a packet including the following: Memo from Kim Strach directing that One Stop Hours Matching has ceased, Emails from Josh Lawson regarding non-unanimous One Stop Plans, One Stop Officials Pay Chart, 2018 One Stop Schedule Templates, One Stop Schedules for previous Primary elections, and One Stop Daily Totals for previous Primary elections.

Chair Reece discussed the cost of One Stop Voting vs. voter turnout for Primary elections. The Board discussed the number of days remote One Stop Locations could be open and reviewed Option #1. Member Richardson suggested opening remote One Stop Locations for five (5) days. Chair Reece suggested opening remote One Stop Locations for three (3) days. Chair Reece and Secretary Loy stated they are opposed to Sunday voting.

Secretary Loy made the motion to adopt Option #1 One Stop Implementation Plan for the following dates and times:

Board of Elections Office:

Thursday, April 19, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday, April 20, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Monday, April 23, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 24, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 25, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 26, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday, April 27, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 28, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Monday, April 30, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, May 1, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 2, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 3, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday, May 4, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm



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Saturday, May 5, 2018: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Remote Sites:

Wednesday, April 25, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 26, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday, April 27, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 28, 2018: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Chair Reece seconded. The vote follows:

Chairman Reece	Aye
Secretary Loy	Aye
Member Richardson	No

The motion fails.

Director Cardwell will request assistance from the State Board and the County Attorney regarding petitioning the Wake County Superior Court to take action.

ITEM #6 – NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chair Reece asked about the Winter Elections Conference.
- b. Chair Reece contacted John Shawcross, Jr. Chairman of the Board Member's Association, regarding petitioning the Wake County Superior Court.

ITEM #7 – ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Loy made the motion, seconded by Member Richardson, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn this meeting at 3:33 pm.

Next meeting is set for March 20, 2018 at 3:00 pm – Regular Meeting

Minutes Read and Approved,

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni K. Reece, Chair

Tina Cardwell, Director