



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES November 17, 2020 – 3:00 PM Absentee Provisional and Canvass Meeting

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 3:00 pm in the Board of Elections Board Room.

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

Staff Members Present: None

Other Persons Present: County Attorney John Morris and members of the Community

ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Member Purgason to amend the agenda to add new business as Item #3, Absentees as Item #4, Provisionals as Item #5 and Canvass as Item #6. Motion seconded by Secretary Reece and the vote was unanimous.

ITEM #3 – NEW BUSINESS

This Board of Elections along with all counties in NC will have a recount of all ballots cast. This will begin on Thursday, November 19, 2020 and must be completed by Wednesday, November 25, 2020. There will be ten DS 200 machines setup and 20 or so people will be called in to run all the ballots cast which includes all one stops, election day, absentee and provisional ballots. There must be a quorum of Board members present at all times.

ITEM #4 – ABSENTEES

This is actually a reconvening from our recessed meeting on Friday, November 13, 2020 and at that meeting we completed running all the absentee ballots and closed the DS 200 out and ran the zero tape.

ITEM #5 – PROVISIONAL

Today we will continue with our Provisional ballots. On Friday, November 13, 2020 we had 371 Provisional ballots that were marked no by the staff. The staff went back through these and found 124 out of the 371 Provisional ballots that can be reviewed and counted by the Board today. That still leaves 247 Provisional ballots that cannot be counted. The predominant reason these ballots can't be counted is the voters weren't registered prior to election day. The staff will take these 247 Provisional ballots and take the information found on the ballots and register these people. Once the zero tape runs on the DS 200 the Board needs to approve the Provisional

ballots and then insert them into the DS 200 and when this is completed the DS 200 machine will be closed out. Once all the thumb drives are uploaded to the State Board website the IT guys will upload the results and finish the canvas. We will then get a form from the State to sign and the election, other than the recount, will be completed for Rockingham County.

Motion is made by Secretary Reece to approve the 124 Provisional ballots that have been researched by the staff in the presence of a member of the State Board. Motion seconded by Member Purgason and the vote was unanimous. There was one Provisional ballot that after reviewing was found the voter didn't mark anything. The Board inserts the remaining 123 ballots into the DS 200. Secretary Reece makes a motion that after the meeting is adjourned questions may be allowed by members of the community. Seconded by Member Purgason and the vote was unanimous.

Chair Richardson announced that after he and the other members reviewed the memo from the State Board regarding the recount that the guidelines require up to 48 hours notice therefore the recount will need to begin on Friday, November 20, 2020 instead of Thursday, November 19, 2020. Twenty or so bipartisan election workers will run the ballots cast and there will need to be bipartisan Board members present. Member Purgason makes a motion to start the recount on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 9:00 am. Seconded by Secretary Reece and the vote was unanimous.

The DS 200 is now closed out and the zero tape has run. Laura Dell with the State Board will then upload the memory stick to the State Board. The IT guys will then upload the results, finish the canvass and print some reports for the Board to sign.

The Board has signed all the documents and certified the election results.

ITEM #6 - ADJOURNMENT

Member Purgason makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Reece and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted.



Tohi Reece, Secretary



Royce Richardson, Chair