

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2021 – 10:00 AM
Called Meeting

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 10:00 am in the Board of Elections Board Room.

Board Members Present: Ophelia Wright, Chair; Tom Schoolfield, Secretary; Nelson Cole, Member; Thurman Hampton, Member; and Sarah Totten, Member.

Staff Members Present: Paula Seamster, Director and Kathy Clark, Senior Deputy Director.

ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Wright.

Chair Wright welcomed the Board Members as well as those who were waiting via Zoom

ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Cole moved, seconded by Secretary Schoolfield to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #3 – RESOLUTION – ONE TIME BONUS PAYMENT

Chair Wright asked Kathy Clark to come forward. Chair Wright read the Resolution – One Time Bonus Payment.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS RESOLUTION
APPROVING A ONE TIME BONUS PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Kathy Clark has worked for the Board of Elections for 1 year and 5 months; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Clark has delivered excellent service to the Board of Elections and the citizens of Rockingham County during her tenure, and

WHEREAS, Kathy Clark did use the circumstances of her work experience during the 2020 general elections and the 2021 municipal election; and

WHEREAS, that the Rockingham County Board of Elections awards this commendation for exceptional work and proven dedication to the people of Rockingham County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rockingham County Board of Elections authorizes the one-time bonus of \$500.00 to Kathy Clark.

Adopted this the 7th Day of December, 2021.

S/Ophelia Wright
Ophelia Wright, Chair

Attest:

S/Paula P. Seamster
Paula P. Seamster, Director

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Secretary Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Totten to approve the Resolution – One Time Bonus Payment. The motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Clark graciously thanked the Board for this one-time bonus.

ITEM #4 – 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION ONE STOP PLAN

The Director stated that the 2022 Primary Election One Stop Plan that was included in the Board's packet and she had been asked to present an Option 2 for the 2022 Primary Election One Stop Plan which included a second Saturday. She stated that the requirements from the State Board of Elections is for the County Board of Elections offices to be open at least regular business hours and from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the last Saturday of One Stop Voting. The Director stated that Option 1 for the 2022 Primary Election One Stop would be starting Thursday, February 17, 2022 through Friday, March 4, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Rockingham County Board of Elections Office, 240 Cherokee Camp Road, Reidsville. With Remotes Sites starting Thursday, February 17, 2022 through Friday, March 4, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Remote Site Locations would be held at the Eden Library, 598 S. Pierce Street in Eden; Salvation Army Community Center, 708 Barnes Street, Reidsville; and Madison Mayodan Library, 611 Burton Street, Madison. The Director stated that Option 2 had the same dates, times, and locations as Option 1 but added a second Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She stated that the reason for offering a second option was because in 2016 and 2018 a second Saturday was added to the One Stop (Early) Voting. The Director stated that Option 1 had one Saturday and Option 2 had two Saturdays.

Secretary Schoolfield stated that he remembered there were 4 remote sites for Early Voting and the proposal only had 3. The Director responded that there were 4 locations for Early Voting including the Board of Elections office.

Member Totten asked what the voter turnout was for Saturdays. The Director stated that she did not have the information for previous elections however during the municipal election this year the largest number of voters was on the last Saturday of early voting which was the last day before the election.

Secretary Schoolfield stated that his issue was the number of precinct officials required for early voting and asked how many would be required. The Director responded that there would be 8 to 10 precinct officials at each early voting location. Secretary Schoolfield stated that he counted 13 days for early voting. The Director responded that there would be a need for 8 to 10 precinct officials for all 13 days of early voting.

Secretary Schoolfield stated that the Board would need to choose between Option 1 and Option 2. Chair Wright responded yes the choice would be up to the Board.

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Member Totten stated that she would like to have just one Saturday for early voting to save money on staffing.

Member Cole stated that some of the expense could be eliminated by consolidating polling sites and the Board should look at this. The Director stated that this could be discussed during the regular meeting on December 21, 2021.

Chair Wright called for a motion on Option 1 or Option 2 for the 2022 Primary Election One Stop Plan.

Secretary Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Totten to approve Option 1 for the 2022 Primary Election One Stop Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Wright stated that the motion carried that the 2022 Primary Election One Stop Plan Option 1 carried unanimously with one Saturday for early voting.

ITEM #5 - ADJOURNMENT

At 11:20 a.m. **Member Cole moved, seconded by Secretary Schoolfield to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted.

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair