

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2023 – 10:30 AM
Budget Meeting

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. 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.

Other Persons Present: Paula Seamster, Director.

ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The budget meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair Wright. Chair Wright welcomed the Board Members as well as those watching remotely.

ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ITEM #3 – FY 2023 – 2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Director went through the proposed budget line item by line item. She stated that the last column on the right represents the approved budget for FY 2019-2020. The Director stated that the County gave the line item figures for the Projected Compensation, Health Insurance, FICA, Retirement, Unemployment, and Workers Comp. She stated that this proposed FY 2023-2024 budget included a municipal election and a primary election.

Secretary Schoolfield asked if the Director had the actual expenditures for FY 2019 – 2022. The Director responded that she did not but she could email those out to the Board.

Member Cole asked what other counties were paying their Board Members. The Director responded that she would send this out on the list serv and email the results to the Board.

Member Hampton suggested decreasing the line item for Legal and suggested decreasing that line item by \$5,000 for a total of \$15,000.

The Director stated that the total of the FY 2023-2024 budget without any adjustments would be \$608,651. She stated that on the last page of the proposed budget included capital expenditures for new printers for the 15 voting precincts in the amount of \$9,750 and 15 Laptop for Curbside Voting at the voting precincts in the amount of \$22,500 for a total of \$32,250.

The Board suggested adding money to the Advertising line item to get more information out to the citizens.

The Board asked the Director to provide information on the actual expenditures year to date, the 2019-2020 actual expenditures, as well as the approved budget for the current fiscal year.

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The Director asked the Board what date would be good for the next budget meeting. The Board discussed this and the consensus was March 7 at 1:00 p.m.

ITEM #5 – RECESS

At 11:40 a.m. Secretary Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Cole to recess the Budget Meeting until Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair