

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2024 – 10:00 AM
Budget Meeting

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Elections Board Room.

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

Other Persons Present: Paula Seamster, Director.

ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The budget meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Wright. Chair Wright welcomed the Board Members as well as those watching remotely.

ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ITEM #3 – FY 2024 – 2025 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 2020-2021. 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 2024-2025 budget included a general election.

Member Hampton stated that \$418,000 of the proposed budget totals were given by the County.

Member Schoolfield brought up the subject of Legal Fees and how the Board felt about the attorney. The Board agreed that they would like to stay with the current attorney.

Chair Wright suggested adding one meeting to the Advertising line item.

The Board reviewed the FY 2024 – 2025 Proposed Budget and made a few recommendations.

The Director asked the Board what date would be good for the next budget meeting. The Board discussed this and the consensus was February 27th at 3:00 p.m.

ITEM #4 – RECESS

At 11:38 a.m. Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to recess the Budget Meeting until Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair