



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Agenda

Regular Meeting
February 18, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Rockingham County Governmental Center
371 NC 65
Reidsville, NC 27320

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1. Welcome / Call to Order Chair Wright
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation – Pastor William Hairston
Shiloh Baptist Church, Reidsville
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Board Minutes
 - a. January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
6. Public Comments

Action Items

7. Resolution – Moving Voting Location Within
Rockingham County Precinct – Matrimony Paula Seamster
8. Request for FY 2024 – 2025 Budget Revision Paula Seamster
9. Schedule FY 2025 – 2026 Budget Meeting Chair Wright

Discussion Items

10. Public Comments Response Chair Wright
11. Director’s Updates Paula Seamster
 - a. NC Supreme Court Seat 6 Protest Update
 - b. HB66
12. Closed Session
Pursuant to (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)) Personnel
13. Adjournment

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The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rockingham County Governmental Center Commissioners Chambers.

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

Staff Members Present: Paula Seamster, Director.

ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Wright called the Board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Chair Wright welcomed the Board members, those present in the meeting, and those who were watching online.

ITEM #2 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Royce Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3 – INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Pastor Kenneth N. Moore, Sharon Missionary Baptist Church, Stoneville.

ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ITEM #5 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Totten moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve the December 17, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #6 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Wright opened Public Comments.

Diane Parnell –

“Good morning everyone. I want to thank you for letting me come to speak Madam Chairman, Board Members and I want to thank you for going through this election. I was really proud of Rockingham County and I always am but I think we have a great team here to work with and know that I discouraged anyone from complaining during the election time, during early voting, or it was call Paula, call Paula, no Paula has all she can do to handle. So we are here at this point now that we can talk about different issues that we had and complaints that we had and things that I feel are necessary to bring up to you. One of the things is Osborne Baptist Church, the corral, I am not quite understanding, I did not make it over there, I was working at Zion, but I understand from the people there that they just gave up and left because there was no way that they could get to the voters to hand them out any voting material so I would like for you to take a good look at that. One of the things I did have complaints about was the music. There was a DJ and he was playing loud music and he rotated around the county. His statement to someone, to one of our folks, was that he was just pumping up the excitement. Well if people are already there to vote, they are already excited but what they tell me is they could not talk to one another because the music was that loud. So I am not sure what the purpose of that was. I have some concerns that we have so many

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precincts that are unnecessary, in my view, Hogans is a very small precinct and could it be combined with another one so that you don't have to have coverage at that particular time. Three weeks of early voting and then voting day is a lot of people that it takes and when you got two to three hundred votes coming out of one precinct it is time to take a good look at that to see if that is necessary. I am just bringing that up to you, I have no authority on this. I know that Draper is small one but those folks would fight like crazy if you tried to shut that down, just to give you an idea because have dealt with some of that. They are very community oriented at Draper but if you would take a good look at that. I am not a fan of what I think is devaluing our vote, our vote is a very precious thing to me, and I think it should be solemn just like the pledge is but when you have food at a precinct that you are giving away and music at a precinct it just seems like it is more of a party, than a social event of something that should be considered solemn. So, is this allowed and I would like an answer to that one because I understand from the State Board of Elections that that is not something that you can do, to give away food, to give away anything other than pertaining to voting so I would like to know an answer to that. I just think that that is not a good idea. I'd like for you and I know that you guys have moved from Moss Street School to the middle school and that was a nightmare with handling the traffic. There were many times that I saw folks at the middle school that had a really hard time parking, getting in and out, but Zion has become such a big precinct that I saw that same thing at Zion. There is very few parking that is empty. I also had lots of people that don't understand the traffic pattern going through. The handicap people that did not understand that they could wait over here and then it got backed up for people waiting to vote where the handicapped people were that folks could not get in to vote so that concerned me. It concerned me too that some of our folks have told me that they are never going back to Zion. There was an altercation with the police department that a crowd of teenage boys, as best I could figure, were shooting guns out car window and rode by Zion. I am not afraid and that is where I stayed most of the time because you can see that anytime. This would not have been something that was brought up to you guys but I understand the police was chasing them down the road and they were very upset, did not want to stay there, so that's an issue. I would really like to see you take a good look at somewhere other than Zion to cure some of these problems. Somewhere that parking may be a little easier and I know that the commissioners like to have precincts where it's a county owned building and they don't have to pay rent and this kind of thing but for the safety of the folks and for the safety of the folks coming to vote I hope that you take a good look at this. I think that is all that I had on my list and I want to thank you for listening to me and any questions that you might have please feel free to contact me. Thank you all."

ITEM #7 – RESOLUTION – MOVING VOTING LOCATION WITHIN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY PRECINCT – NEW BETHEL

The Director stated that the Board of Elections was notified in December that Sharon Baptist Church would no longer be available for the Board of Elections to use as a voting site. She added that the Chair of the School Board was contacted to see if the Board of Elections could use Bethany Elementary School which is more centrally located in the New Bethel precinct. The Director stated that the Board of Elections has been given permission to use Bethany Elementary School as the New Bethel precinct which would start in 2026. The Director read the resolution. She asked if the Board had any questions or comments. She added that she provided a packet with information on the voting precinct locations, the next page shows a black dot in the center of New Bethel precinct which shows where Bethany Elementary is located as well as the location of Sharon Baptist Church. The Director informed the Board that this action did not need to take place now because

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this precinct would not be used for the 2025 election. She added that other precincts needed to be looked at prior to the March 2026 Primary election. The Director stated that she also supplied the Board with another page with the precincts listed with the number of registered voters in each of the locations as well as where the voting precincts were located. There were some recommended changes that she would like to recommend however this could wait until another time.

Member Cole asked if there was any opposition to the change in the New Bethel voting precinct location. The Director responded that she was not sure if anyone was aware of it yet. Chair Wright stated that the Director brought this before the Board first. Member Cole responded that Member Schoolfield was aware of this. Member Schoolfield stated that Sharon Baptist Church in a business meeting in December brought this point up due to the increase in insurance liability at the church for the number of people using the facility. He added that Sharon Baptist Church has been a precinct location for 10 years and they should be thanked for that. Member Schoolfield stated that there was no opposition.

Member Schoolfield asked why it was moved from Bethany Elementary to Sharon Baptist Church ten years ago. The Director responded that she did not know why. Chair Wright responded that she did not know the reason either but she did know that at one point there were some complaints from maybe a school board member wanting the voting precincts to be moved from all of the schools but she was not sure if the move derived from that or not. Member Schoolfield stated that the only thing he heard was traffic was a problem and at that point in time the schools were not being closed for the elections so it was a safety issue. He added that Sharon Baptist Church did not have any issues and he did not have any personal issues with the move.

Member Schoolfield stated that the Director stated that there are several other precincts that she was looking at for possible changes. He asked the Director if it would be beneficial to wait on the other moves before making a decision on New Bethel. The Director responded that it would be up to the Board to move on the resolution or to delay it to another time. Member Schoolfield asked if some portions of New Bethel should be moved to another precinct to make the county precincts more balanced. The Director responded that she could see the possibility of New Bethel becoming larger but not smaller.

Secretary Totten asked what the drop dead date would be for the Board to make a decision on the New Bethel precinct. The Director responded that this would need to take place 100 days prior to the 2026 Primary Election so it would need to take place before the end of this year. Member Schoolfield asked if that was the calendar year. The Director responded yes. Member Schoolfield continued by saying after the municipal election. The Director stated that this particular resolution did not have to be submitted to the State Board for approval because this change would take place within the same precinct boundary. She stated that all that needed to be done would be to submit the resolution to the State Board letting them know that the Board of Elections approved the move. The Director stated that when precinct lines are moved that is when the 100 days prior to the election deadline is required to give the voters notice.

Member Schoolfield recommended tabling the item to another meeting.

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Secretary Totten asked how this would impact the people who would need to change precincts as far as travel time, etc. The Director responded that the voters in the western, northern, and southern parts of the New Bethel precinct would decrease their travel times because Sharon Baptist Church was at the most western part of the precinct and Bethany Elementary is more centrally located for all the voters in the New Bethel precinct.

Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to delay any action on this item until more information on the other precincts could be presented.

Member Cole stated that he did not understand why this could not be handled now. Member Schoolfield responded that his thought was if there were more changes it should wait until all changes could be made.

Upon a vote on the motion, the motion carried by a vote of four to one with Chair Wright voting no.

ITEM #8 – RESOLUTION – TO ADOPT PRECINCT DIVISION AND CONSOLIDATION WITH TWO ADJACENT PRECINCTS

The Director stated that the Leaksville – 2 precinct had been held at Leaksville Christian Church and they notified the Board of Elections during the 2024 Primary Election that their membership had decreased that they may have to close however the Board of Elections received a commitment to use the church through the 2024 voting seasons but a new location would need to be found for the 2025 election. She stated that the Leaksville-2 precinct is one that is used in the municipal elections. The Director informed the Board that she had reached out to the City Manager of Eden to see how the City Council would feel about dividing the precinct and combining with two adjacent precincts which would reduce the number of precincts in Eden from four to three. She stated that since last February or March staff has tried to find another location in the Leaksville – 2 Precinct with no success. Each time a location was suggested it would be located in the Eden – 1 precinct. She added that there is an elementary school in that area however it is located in the Eden – 1 precinct. The Director stated that staff looked at the Leaksville – 2 precinct and how it could be divided. She stated that there are 3,454 registered voters in the Leaksville – 2 precinct, 887 voters west of the Roberts Road and Eden Road have Stoneville addresses and could be added to the Matrimony Precinct. The Director stated that Matrimony has 4,208 registered voters and Eden – 1 has 4,286 registered voters. She stated that 2,567 of the Leaksville – 2 precinct would be moved to the Eden – 1 precinct totaling 6,853 voters and Matrimony would have 5,085 voters. The Director stated that this was the option that was being presented unless the Board knows of any other avenue to pursue. This item would need to be handled fairly quickly in order to submit it to the State Board for approval, get the precinct change noticed in the newspaper, as well as send out information to the registered voters in the Leaksville – 2 precinct on where their new precincts will be located starting with the 2025 Municipal Election. She asked if there were any questions or comments.

Member Hampton stated that he was not opposed to the proposed change however in the past he had raised the issue of parking at the Matrimony precinct. He asked the Director if she had received any assistance or any information from the city or the county about providing additional parking. The Director responded that she had heard rumors about the Stoneville Municipal Building moving to another location so that may be some additional parking for the precinct. She did not know that this

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would in fact happen however it could be a possibility. The Director stated that parking is an issue at the Matrimony precinct but this could be researched.

Member Schoolfield stated that he understood that this needed to be resolved before the municipal election could be finalized and he asked the Director if this was correct. The Director responded that this was correct. Member Schoolfield asked if the Director saw any future issues with this change. The Director responded that the dissolution of Leaksville – 2 needed a decision quickly and while this is going through the process staff could try to find a resolution to the parking at the Matrimony precinct or find a new location for the Matrimony precinct. She stated that the Board needed to decide if it wanted to dissolve the precinct or not.

Secretary Totten stated that this needed to be done prior to the municipal election. The Director responded yes.

Member Schoolfield asked Member Hampton if there was an issue with the parking at Matrimony. Member Hampton responded yes.

Chair Wright stated that it was not easy finding a voting precinct.

Member Hampton asked the Director for clarification, that the Board needed to decide on dividing a precinct and dividing the voters between Eden – 1 and Matrimony. The Director responded that this was correct. Member Hampton stated that if the Board moves to approve the resolution and later move the polling site in Matrimony the Board will not violate the resolution in front of them today. The Director responded correct. Member Hampton stated that this resolution does not state a particular polling place. The Director responded correct.

Member Schoolfield stated that in order to dissolve the precinct, the voters will need to be assigned somewhere. The Director responded that the precinct names will possibly have to be changed during this process because Matrimony and Eden – 1 may be considered two new precincts. She stated that this is the early stage of the process and more information will have to come back before the Board.

Secretary Totten stated that there are parking issues at almost all of the polling sites so she did not think that should hinder the Board from making a decision today. Chair Wright responded except for Zion and Osborne, those two locations have plenty of space so she was not sure why someone would say those two locations do not.

Member Hampton moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to accept the Director's recommendation to dissolve Leaksville – 2 and move the voters to Matrimony and Eden – 1. The motion carried unanimously.

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**RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, the current voting location for the Leaksville -2 is Leaksville Christian Church; and,

WHEREAS, county boards of elections in North Carolina have the authority to divide precincts, consistent with NCGS 163-132.3, with the approval of the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections; and,

WHEREAS, precinct lines must follow Census Block lines, Township lines, Municipal lines, or other visible features, and must be contiguous; and,

WHEREAS, four of the fifteen voting precincts in Rockingham County correspond to Township boundaries as a whole following Township lines, or are divided within a Township boundary to encompass these four precincts, and each of these follow distinct visible features; and,

WHEREAS, the four voting precincts in the Eden Township are: Draper, Eden – 1, Eden Central, and Leaksville – 2; and,

WHEREAS, the current geographical boundary of the Leaksville – 2 precinct is composed of contiguous territory and, if divided, the two newly created divisions can be combined with two adjacent precincts: Eden – 1 and Matrimony; and,

WHEREAS, pending the approval of the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections, registered voters residing in the Leaksville – 2 precinct must be notified of the proposed division and consolidation consistent with NCGS 163-128(a); and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Leaksville – 2 precinct located in Rockingham County be divided and consolidate with adjacent precincts, consistent with NCGS 163-132.3 effective January 21, 2025, pending the approval of the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections and the completion of all necessary requirements by law and/or administrative rule.

This resolution shall be effective upon the date of its signing by the Board’s Chairperson.

ITEM #9 – 2025 TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES

The Director stated that the Board meeting dates are listed as tentative dates because the dates could be changed at any time. This was not addressed at the Board’s December meeting and what is listed is leaving the meetings as they are held now which is the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers except for the October meeting which will take place during Early Voting and this meeting will be held at the Board of Elections Office at 4:30 p.m. prior to the 5:00 p.m. Absentee Board meeting.

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Member Hampton moved, seconded by Member Schoolfield to approve the 2025 Tentative Board meeting dates with the proposed change on October 21, 2025 from 5:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

2025 TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Tuesday	January 21, 2025	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	February 18, 2025	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	March 18, 2025	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	April 15, 2025	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	May 20, 2025	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	June 17, 2025	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	July 15, 2025	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	August 19, 2025	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	September 16, 2025	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	October 21, 2025	4:30 pm	Regular Board Meeting	Board of Elections Office
Tuesday	November 18, 2025	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	December 16, 2025	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers

ITEM #10 – PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE COMPENSATORY TIME

Member Hampton stated that this item should be entitled Proposal to Request that the County Approve Compensatory Time for the Director. He stated that Member Schoolfield and he were tasked with developing a resolution or other information to request that the county provide Director Seamster with compensatory time for the hours that she worked during the 2024 election. Member Hampton stated that he would go into the detail of the work performed because the full Board was present and saw the work that was being done and the Board knew that the Director on one particular occasion worked some twenty-one hours. He stated that the county has a policy that says that managers who are exempt employees are not entitled to overtime or compensatory time so a package had been put together to present to the county manager which explains the Board’s position and the Board’s request for an exception to this policy. Member Hampton stated that the information shows a total of 78 hours over the 50 hour per week threshold. He stated that he and Member Schoolfield are proposing to the Board that it approve the letter and the attached information and submit the information to the county manager for an exception to the policy.

Chair Wright asked the Board if they had the opportunity to read the letter. She added that the information provided showed a lot of work was put into preparing this information and she appreciated all the work that Member Hampton and Member Schoolfield did. Chair Wright asked Member Schoolfield if he had anything to add.

Member Schoolfield stated that he wanted to make a couple of comments mainly for the record. He stated that the basic issue was staff was overwhelmed with the most recent election and it happened for several reasons and he had eight reasons that he had listed. Member Schoolfield stated that the Director had to fill in for employees who had family emergencies as well as things happened during the elections that could not be anticipated. He stated that there was a record turnout of voters and most of them came during the first two weeks of early voting and approximately 75% of the voters

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voted in the first two weeks which meant the voter turnout was lower for Election Day. Member Schoolfield added that things came down from the State such as the ballots had to be reprinted and reprocessed within a very small timeframe. He added that there was a huge number of write-in candidates that required hand counting because the machines could not provide this information. Member Schoolfield stated that there was two recounts for the Supreme Court Justice and later a protest and those items added more time that could not be anticipated. He stated that he was not aware that management in the county did not get compensatory time off for hours worked however he found out that the general statutes require that it be paid or the Director is given compensatory time which was in conflict with what the county's policy says and he was not sure which one took priority. Member Schoolfield stated that Member Hampton and he felt it would be best to approach the county manager from the standpoint that this was what the Board would like to do. He added that the Board would be required to approve the overtime hours and to record that in the minutes however that would not be a big issue. Member Schoolfield stated he did not know if 40 hours or 50 hours was the right time to start with and he thought this was something that the Board could get approval from Mr. Metzler's review of this.

Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to approve the letter requesting compensatory time for the Director to be submitted to the county manager. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Wright thanked Member Hampton and Member Schoolfield for the work that they did and for the information that was provided to the Board.

ITEM #11 – BUDGETED AMOUNT FOR THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

The Director stated that at the last Board meeting Member Hampton had asked what was budgeted for the 2024 General Election. She stated that the information was included in the Board's packet and it showed a breakdown of all the costs for the election and then she provided the budgeted amounts that the Board approved during the 2024-2025 budget process. The Director stated that there was a \$21,705.62 difference from what was actually spent and what was budgeted. She stated that some of the difference had to do with the second set of ballots that had to be ordered, overtime for election night, hand count of write-ins, and the Supreme Court Justice protest. The Director stated that the attorney fees were not included in the budgeted amount because the cost of the attorney was budgeted for the full year and not specifically for the election so it may have been closer in line with the budget if this had been done. She asked if the Board had any questions.

Secretary Totten stated that it was brought to the commissioners' attention the additional monies that were needed to print new ballots. She asked if the \$21,705.62 amount included this additional cost. The Director responded that the cost of the two orders for ballots was included in the cost. She added that she had not heard anything about receiving any money from the State Board to cover any of those costs. The Director stated that if the money were to be reimbursed it would go back into the general fund.

Member Cole asked if the Board of Elections had sufficient funds to cover the \$21,000. The Director responded yes and added that the budget was okay and there was enough money in those line items to cover the additional expenses. Chair Wright stated that everything was good unless something else were to come up. The Director informed the Board that she may have to go before the commissioners

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to request more money for postage. She stated that the postage line item was almost depleted, over 4000 National Change of Addresses were mailed out the prior week and there was less than \$3,000 in that line item for the rest of the fiscal year. The Director stated that once she received the bill for the 4000 NCOA postage this may cause Elections to be over budget with the postage line item and she may have to ask that money be moved from one line item to this line item to cover the postage for the rest of the fiscal year.

Secretary Totten asked if there was monies available to cover the postage. The Director responded that it could be moved from another line item.

Member Cole stated that he thought this information needed to be provided to the commissioners with the understanding that Elections may be over budget for the total budget this June so they will be aware of it before it happens. The Director responded that this could be done.

Member Schoolfield stated that he knew there were legal expenses due to the protest and asked how this line item stood. The Director responded that there was about \$5,000 left in the legal line item. Member Schoolfield stated that as long as there are no more issues this line item should be good. He stated that he understood that Elections may have to move money from one line item into another to cover cost.

Chair Wright stated that the Supreme Court Justice Seat had still not been decided. The Director responded that this was still ongoing and added that this was an extraordinary election.

Secretary Totten asked if there were any outstanding legal expense as of today. The Director responded that Elections had not exceeded the budgeted amount.

Member Schoolfield stated that he supported what Member Cole said about sharing the information on the additional expenses that occurred during the election to give the commissioners a heads up on what was occurring so they are aware that it is not all of a sudden Elections ran out of money.

Member Hampton asked when the county's budgeting process would begin. The Director responded that the personnel budgeting process started last week so it was in the early phase right now. Member Hampton asked if this information could be submitted to the county manager's office immediately. The Director stated that as soon as she received the budget schedule she would share it with the Board. She stated that the Board of Commissioners Retreat may have already started and once the Board of Commissioners share their expectations and that information is given to the department heads that would be when the budgeting process begins.

Member Cole moved, seconded by Member Hampton to share this information with county management.

Chair Wright stated that this information would be shared with the county manager and the county manager share this information with the county commissioners so they are aware of where Elections stands with its expenditures and what may take place later.

Upon a vote on the motion, the motion carried.

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ITEM #12 – DIRECTOR’S UPDATES

NC Supreme Court Seat 6 Protest Update

The Director informed the Board that the protest was still ongoing. She stated that it was her understanding that the 4th Circuit Court would hear the case before the end of the month. She stated that as soon as she had more information she would send it to the Board.

Senate Bill 382 Update

The Director stated that this was now state law effective January 1, 2025. She stated that there was a lawsuit filed by past Governor Cooper and Governor Stein regarding who makes the appointments to the state board and the county boards. The Director stated that everything else in the new law that pertained to the Board of Elections was moving forward such as absentee ballot deadlines, provisional ballot deadlines, etc. She stated that the State Board had directed the counties to move forward as if everything in the new law was in effect until the lawsuit was finalized.

Chair Wright asked the Director to remind the Board how many board members were included in Senate Bill 382. The Director responded that Paul Cox, General Counsel with the State Board, stated the State Board would remain at 5 members and will not increase to 8 members and the County Boards will remain at 5 members and will not decrease to 4 members. She stated that both the State Board and the County Boards would remain at the same number that they presently have, the only difference would be who appoints the board members to their seats that was being challenged.

Member Schoolfield asked when the hearing would be held by the 4th District. The Director asked if he was referring to the Supreme Court Justice seat or this lawsuit. She stated that this lawsuit would be heard by the local Supreme Court on the new law. The Director stated that she did not have a date but she knew that the State Board had a meeting the day before but she did not think this was on the agenda for that meeting.

2025 Municipal Election Estimates

The Director informed the Board that the 2025 Municipal Election estimates had been mailed out to the six municipalities so the municipalities could start the process for their 2025-2026 budget year.

Secretary Totten asked how long the municipalities had to prepare their budgets. The Director responded that the deadline for budget submissions is June 30th.

Member Schoolfield asked if there were any other municipal boundaries that are being considered for changes for the 2025 Municipal Election. The Director responded no, Leaksville – 2 was the only one for the 2025 Municipal Election.

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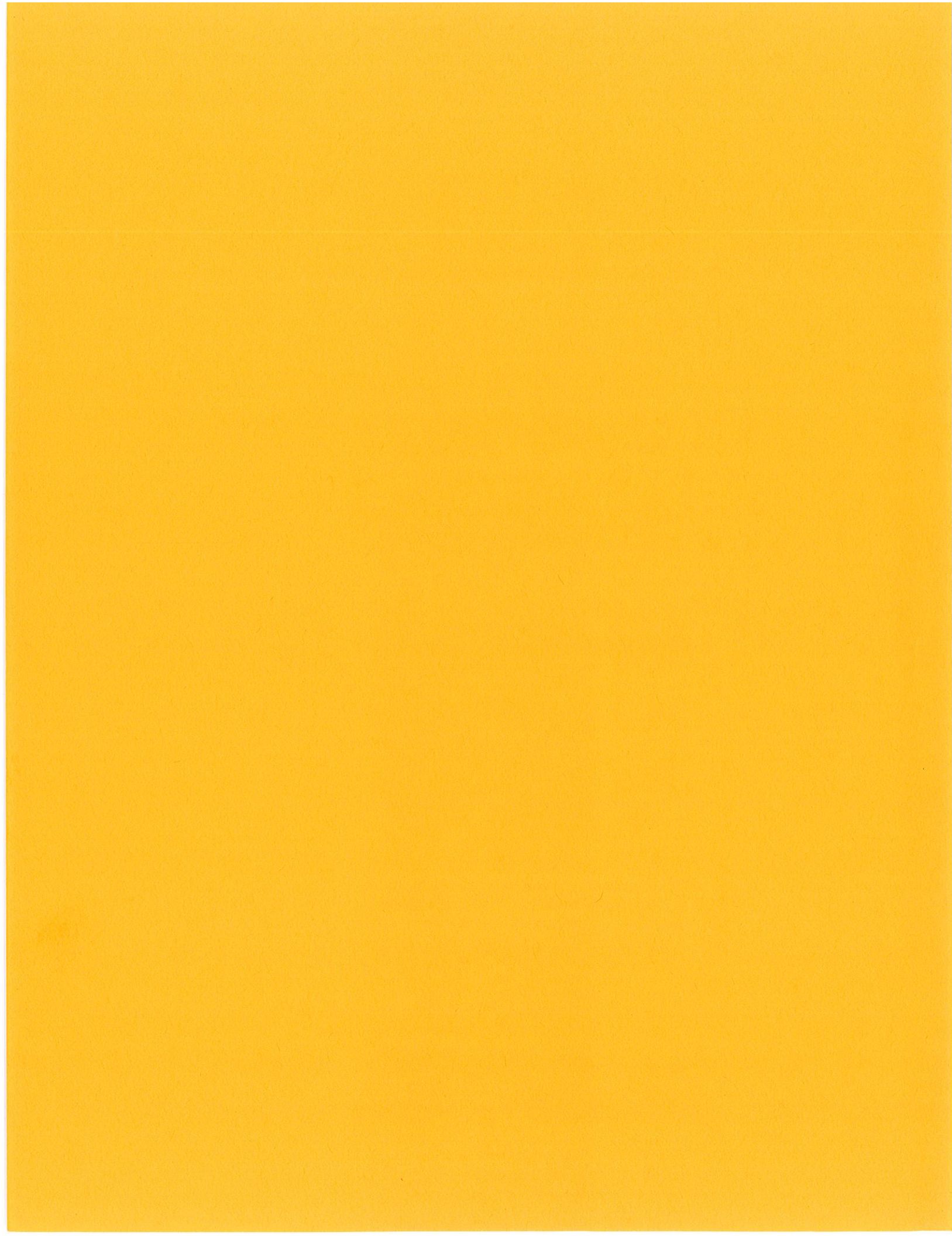
ITEM #13 – ADJOURNMENT

At 11:09 a.m. **Member Cole** moved, seconded by **Secretary Totten** to adjourn. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair





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RESOLUTION MOVING VOTING LOCATION WITHIN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY PRECINCT

WHEREAS, the current voting location for the Matrimony Precinct is the Vera Holland Building; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 163-128 provides that the County Board of Elections shall have the power from time to time to establish, alter, discontinue, or create such new election precincts or voting places as it may deem expedient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rockingham County Board of Elections as follows:

1. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 163-128, voting for the Matrimony Precinct will cease to occur at the Vera Holland Building; and,
2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 163-128, the Sharon Community Outreach Center will be the new voting location for the Matrimony Precinct; and,
3. The Matrimony Precinct name will change to the Stoneville Precinct; and
4. That all notice requirements of North Carolina General Statutes 163-128 be met for this change to be effective in advance of the November 4, 2025 primary election.

This resolution shall be effective upon the date of its signing by the Board's Chairperson.

This the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Ophelia Wright, Chair
Rockingham County Board of Elections



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NOTICE TO VOTERS OF VOTING LOCATION CHANGE

Voters living in the Matrimony Precinct

This is notification that the Rockingham County Board of Elections met and voted to change the voting location for the Matrimony Precinct from the Vera Holland Building, 203 E. Main Street, Stoneville, to the Sharon Community Outreach Center, 126 Deaton Loop, Stoneville. North Carolina General Statute 163-128 – Election precincts and voting places established or altered – gives authority to the Board of Elections to alter and or change polling places for the betterment of the voters of the county.

Effective immediately, this is notifying you that your voting place will be at the **Sharon Community Outreach Center, 126 Deaton Loop, Stoneville, NC 27048**. Please make note of this change. The precinct name will also change to Stoneville. This facility will be open November 4, 2025 and 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. as required for all voting places on any Election Day. You will or should have received a voter verification card in the mail which states your voting information. If any of your information has changed since you last voted, please be sure to update your voting record before the deadline of October 10, 2025. _____

If you feel that this location is an inconvenience to you and you will not be able to make it to the polls on Election Day, there are other options for voting. You may request in writing to have a ballot mailed to you or you may take part in our early voting which begins 12 days prior to the Primary Election. Just call our office for more information about these options for voting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (336) 342-8107.

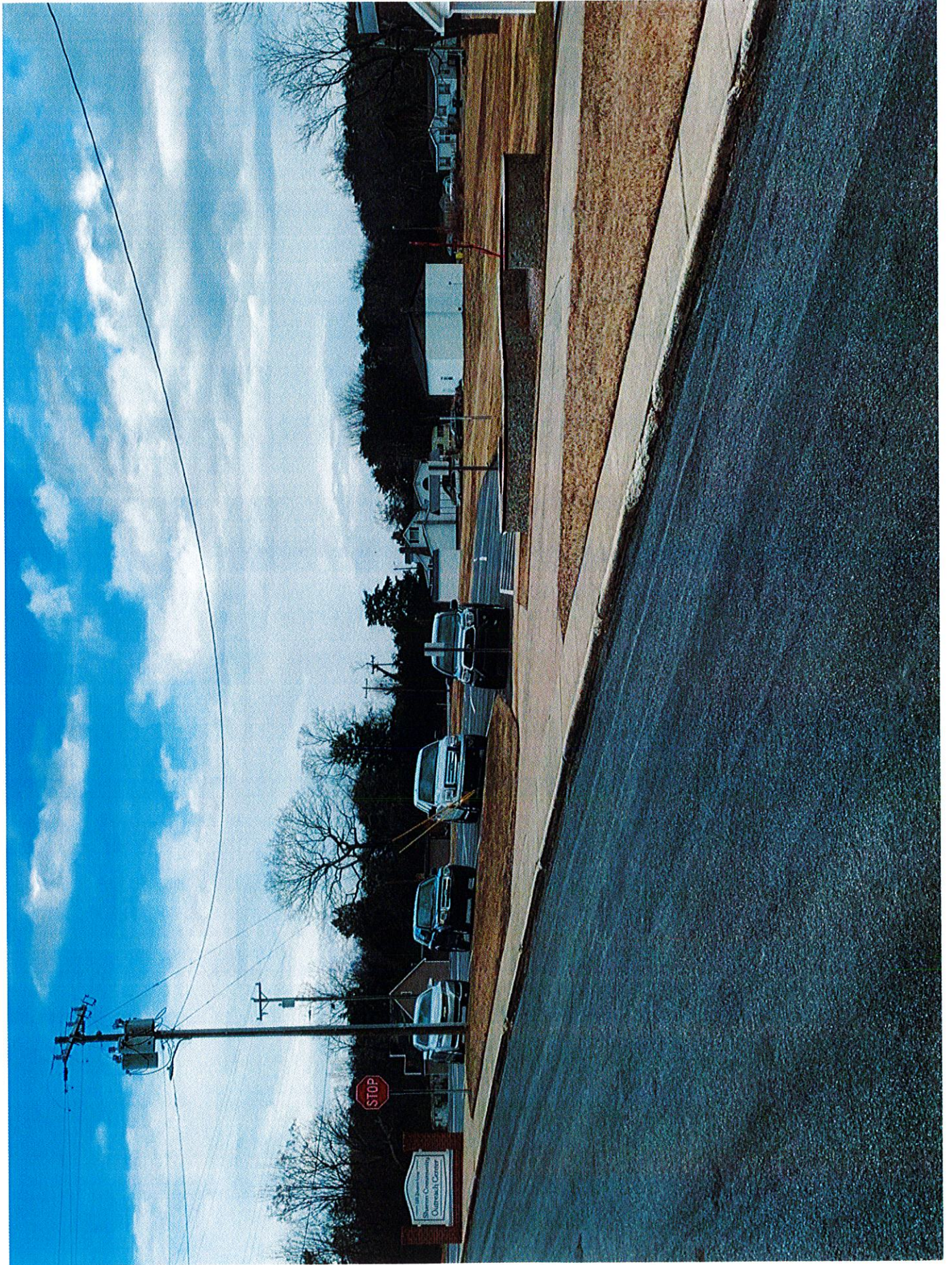
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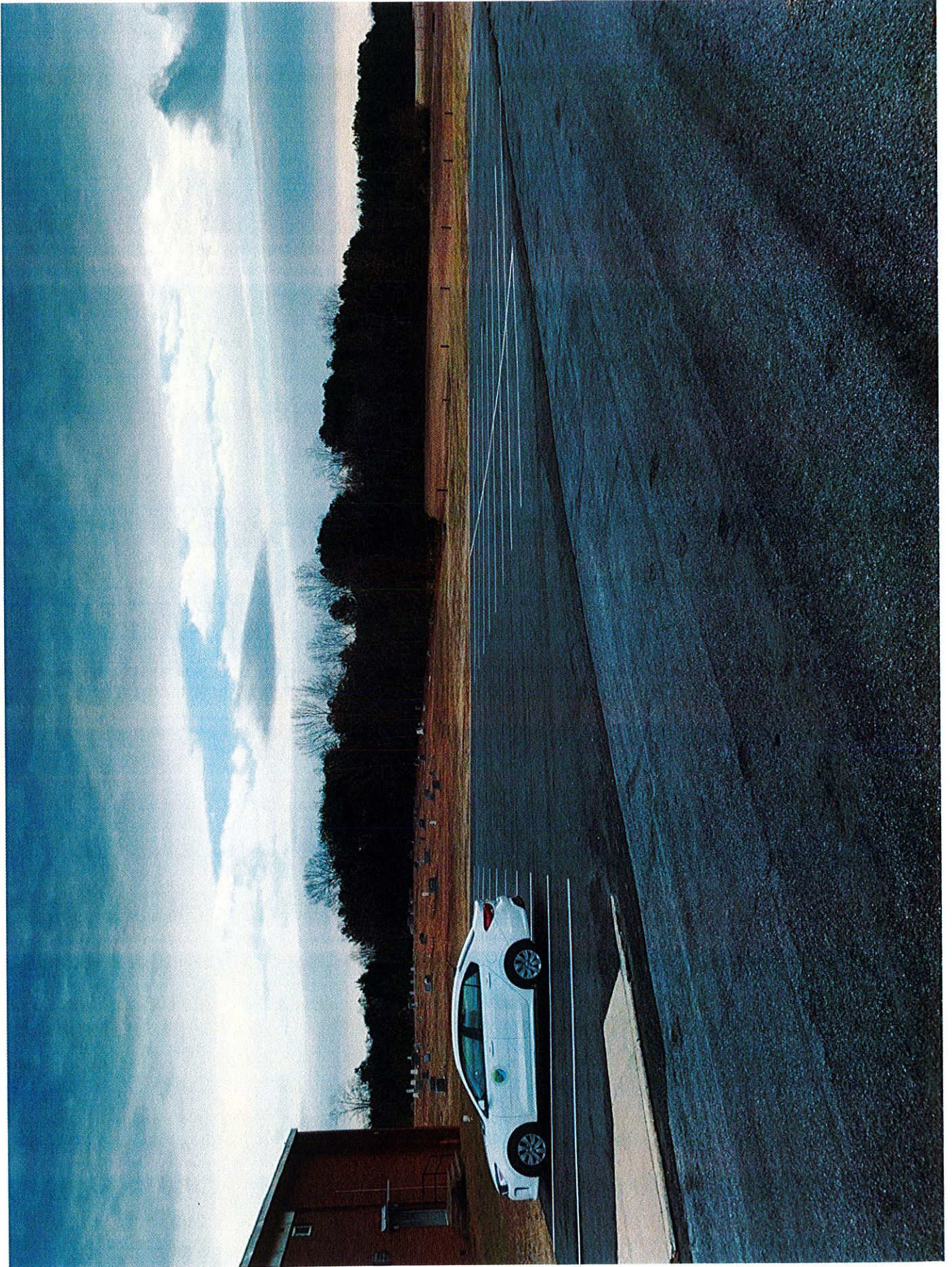
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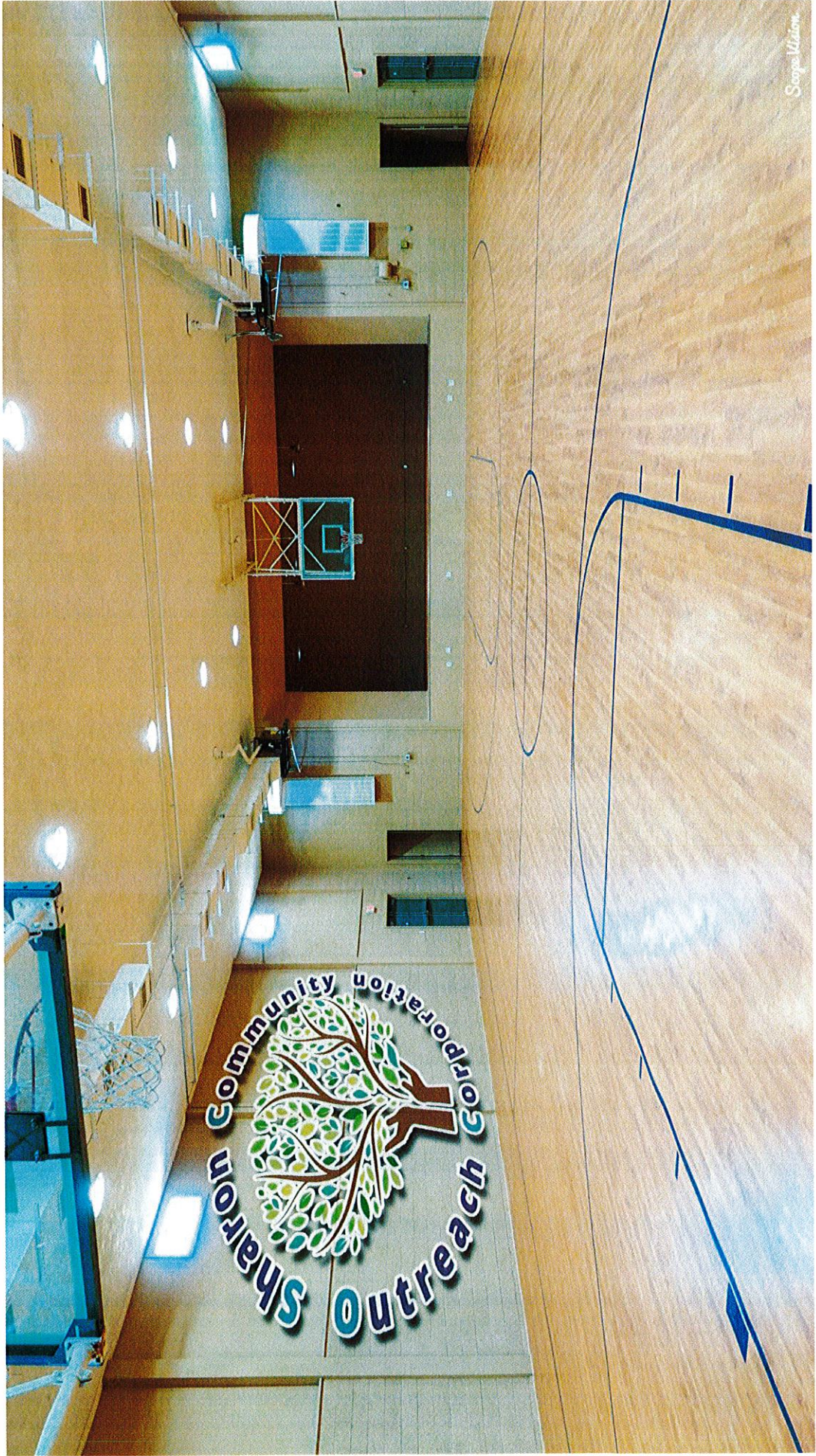
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Sharon Community
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ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REQUEST FOR BUDGET REVISION

Department Board of Elections	Date of Request 02/18/2025	Budget Year 24-25	Doc. # _____
			Group # _____

Fund	Dept.	Act.	Obj.	Account Name	Increase Revenue	Decrease Revenue	Increase Expenditure	Decrease Expenditure	
110	1910	412	5010	Postage			7,000		
110	1910	412	5040	Advertising				4,000	
110	1910	412	5083	Board Training				1,500	
110	1910	412	5085	Staff Training				1,500	
110	1910	411	1020	Temporary Salaries			127		
110	1910	411	1021	Election Precinct Staff				127	
Department Approval						0	0	7,127	7,127
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Explanation:
 The Board of Elections postage costs were extreme during the 2024 General Election with the number of Absentee by Mail ballots, voter registration cards, and the National Change of Address (NCOA) cards. The Board of Elections is in the process of dissolving the Leaksville - 2 Precinct and placing those voters in the Eden - 1 and Matrimony precincts so new voter registration cards will need to be mailed to make those voters aware of the change prior to the 2025 Municipal Election.]

- Budget change has been approved by Budget Officer and will be reported to Board
- Budget change has been reviewed by Budget Officer and should be submitted to Clerk to Board
- Budget Change has been reviewed and will be submitted by Budget Officer at next regular meeting

Budget Officer Approval

Date Keyed _____

Date reported to Board _____

Date approved by Board _____

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2025

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HOUSE BILL DRH40055-LUe-34

Short Title: Reduce Early Voting Period. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Gable.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD TO THE SECOND MONDAY
3 BEFORE THE ELECTION.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 SECTION 1. G.S. 164-166.40(b) reads as rewritten:
6 "(b) Not earlier than the ~~third Thursday~~ second Monday before an election in which a voter
7 seeks to vote and not later than 3:00 P.M. on the last Saturday before that election, the voter may
8 appear in person only at the office of the county board of elections, except as provided in
9 G.S. 163-166.35. A county board of elections shall conduct early voting on the last Saturday
10 before the election from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M."
11 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held
12 on or after that date.



