

Minutes

Franklin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting – July 28, 2020 (Virtual) Board Meeting

The Franklin County Board of Elections met virtually on this date at 6:30 pm. The following were present at that time: Chairperson Sonravea Privette, Secretary Harry Barrick, Board Members M. Rose Gill, Barry Gupton, Angela Pearce, Director Michelle Chavis, Deputy Director Colette S. Kneeland, and IT Director Coy Floyd, along with Dewey Botts and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, Phi Zeta chapter Representative Edith Henderson. Other unnamed callers were also in attendance.

Chairperson Sonravea Privette called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and stated that the public comments would be heard first. After all public comments were received, the Chairperson thanked them for participating and explained that the Board would take their comments under consideration for the one-stop plan for the 2020 Presidential Election. She then turned the meeting over to Director Michelle Chavis. The Director explained that they would follow the meeting agenda and discuss any additional items at the end.

Public Comments

July 28, 2020

Chairperson Sonravea Privette asked the IT Director Coy Floyd to virtually admit each attending member of the public to speak for a maximum time period of 5 minutes. The following public comments were submitted:

Edith Henderson:

- Would like to thank the Board for looking at alternative one-stop sites due to Covid19 social distancing requirements.
- Asks the Board to consider Sunday voting options to help reduce the spread of Covid19 in small locations for poll workers and voters.

Dewey Botts:

- Would like to address any questions from the Board regarding possible early voting sites for the Bunn area that he submitted to the Board. Board Chairperson Sonravea Privette asked Dewey Botts to provide an overview of his findings regarding the voting sites. Dewey Botts provided the following information:
- Bunn Library – 378' (sq ft)
- Bunn Crossing 3 units vacant; No restroom; Double unit – 3100' (sq ft); 50+ parking near Family Dollar; 100+ parking near Food Lion
- Bunn Fire Station conference room – 890' (sq ft); 25 side parking and 20+ in back field weather permitting
- Sheriff station Conference room - 2000' (sq ft); 50+ parking
- Bunn Baptist Church gymnasium – 4000' (sq ft); 3 sets of exterior double doors; not available on Sundays; parking okay, ideal for curbside voting; entrance area covered
- The Board would like to thank Dewey Botts for his work researching alternative early voting sites in the Bunn area due to the pandemic.

New Business

Review Minutes from July 14, 2020 Board Meeting
July 28, 2020
NCGS 163-31

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 14, 2020 Meeting. The motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton, to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion of One-Stop Sites (Social Distancing)
July 28, 2020

The Director reported her notes regarding potential one-stop voting sites as listed below:

- **-Louisburg Armory** – I left Mr. Strum a message today Tuesday, July 28, 2020 and have not heard back as of 3:45PM today (Tuesday, July 28, 2020), however, they are available with the exception of Saturday 10/17 and Sunday 10/18.
- **-Possible Vacant Building in Louisburg** – Left message for Assistant County Manager about the possibility of a vacant building that housed a Charter School that's beside Tractor Supply.
- **-Youngsville Armory** – I left several messages for someone to call me back. No response.
- **-Faith Baptist Church** – Colette and I met with two of Faith Baptist's staff on Monday, July 27, 2020 to look at one of their facilities. The staff members were going to check with the pastors and get back with me possibly this week. Both the staff members thought it would work for what we needed it for.
- **-Bunn Baptist Church on Jewett St., which is .8 mile from the Bunn Library** – I will email Pastor David McBryar for a response. *(they were unable to accommodate the BOE)*
- **-Bunn High School** – The Superintendent, Dr. Rhonda Schuhler called me on Monday, July 27, 2020 and explained the school system must follow the CDC guidelines, which requires face covering for everyone entering their facilities. Also, it may be a possibility that the faculty and students are back. I explained to her that by law the Board of Elections cannot require any voter to wear a face covering. We can and will offer every voter a mask but cannot require it.
- **-Gethsemane Baptist Church on Bunn Elementary Church Rd., which is 2.1 miles from the Bunn Library** – I emailed Gethsemane Baptist Church a guideline for one-stop site. They responded receiving the email but have not gotten back with me.
- **-Franklinton Baptist** – I reached out to Franklinton Baptist Church on Yesterday, Monday, July 27th. Someone named Cheryl answered the phone. I asked for the pastor, she asked what it was pertaining to and I explained to her the social distancing issues the Board of Elections were having with the one-stop sites during this pandemic. She replied to me that the pastor would probably say no, but she would ask him and get back with me. Have not heard back as of 3:45PM today (July 28, 2020).
- **-Louisburg Operation Center** – Per the town clerk, the town of Louisburg is not allowing the public to access their facility and hasn't since March because of the pandemic. She added, they have employees that are considered essential workers that have to utilize that for space.
- **-American Legion Franklinton** – Spoke with Mr. Harvey Satterwhite today, Tuesday, July 28, 2020 and emailed him guidelines for a one-stop site. He said he would speak with his commander and get back with me. *(Board member Harry Barrick commented that he is familiar with Franklinton's American Legion building and stated that the site should meet their needs, however, driving access is from US Hwy 1 N only)*
- **-Franklin County Senior Centers** – Franklinton Sr. Center/Not large enough for social distancing. Louisburg Senior Center/Has been scheduled for Adult Day Care for August, but she does not know if that will be able to take place because of the pandemic. Also, the Senior Center serves

as a shelter during a disaster. Per the EMS Coordinator because of social distancing still in place the Senior Center may not be an option for a shelter.

- **-Franklinton Town Annex** – I left a message for Gregory Bethea today Tuesday, July 28, 2020. Have not heard back as of 3:45 PM (*not available but old town hall vacant and possibly the First Citizens Bank also vacant*)
- **-Lions Club Pilot** – Spoke with Ronald Bullock today. He needed to call a person who had booked a party scheduled for Saturday, October 24th to see if it had been cancelled. Mr. Bullock called back within 30 minutes and said it was available for those dates. I asked if there was internet in the building and he said no. I contacted our IT Director and he would need to go down to see if we are able to use that facility. The Lions Club is 4.8 miles from the Bunn Library which will take approximately 6 minutes.

One-stop (early voting) Implementation Plan

July 28, 2020

NCGS 163-227.6 and SBOE Memo 2020-14 re: Emergency Order of July 17, 2020

Chairperson Sonravea Privette stated that the State Board of Elections has extended the one-stop plan submission deadline to August 7, 2020, and that they still have time to consider potential one-stop sites. She asked attendees to please contact the Board of Elections with potential site information. Director Michelle Chavis stated that the one-stop site in lieu of the office does not have to maintain same hours as other one-stop sites.

Old Business

Multi-partisan Assistance Team (MAT)

July 28, 2020

Director Michelle Chavis reported that the COVID19 guidelines for the MAT are still pending, however, the training and materials (CDC recommended PPE etc.) will be provided. Chairperson Sonravea Privette asked that all attendees please consider serving on the MAT and to contact the Board of Elections office.

Other Business

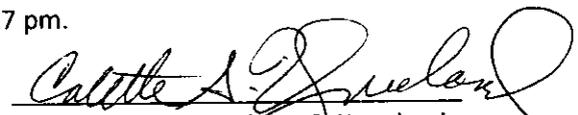
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Director Michelle Chavis confirmed that all Board Members were registered to attend the State Board of Elections conference on August 3-4, 2020. The next Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday August 4, 2020 at 6:30 pm pending IT and Board availability. The Director stated that all board members must attend to submit a unanimous one-stop plan.

The motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.


Secretary, Harry Barrick


Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland