



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Teddi Benson Chairperson  
John Adams, Secretary  
Debbie Burris, Member  
Dree Wynkoop, Member  
Tasha Medley, Member

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

October 29, 2024  
5:00 PM

The Montgomery County Board of Elections (BOE) met October 29, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the BOE office located at 327 N. Main Street in Troy, NC. Board members present were Teddi Benson, Chairperson; John Adams, Secretary; Debbie Burris, Dree Wynkoop and Tasha Medley. BOE staff present were Rhonda Johnson, Director of Elections and Kimberly Walter, Deputy Director of Elections.

Chairperson Benson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Board Meeting Agenda was approved. Member John Adams made a motion to approve the agenda and Member Tasha Medley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Director, Rhonda Johnson presented the Director of Elections report. See attached.

**Old Business**

Member John Adams brought up Carolyn Maness working Election Day in Troy II precinct. Member Adams made a motion to accept her and Debbie Burris seconded the motion.

It was discussed to place Julie Colburn as an assistant and Susan Inman as Judge in the Uwharrie precinct all were in favor of this change.

Chair Benson asked the party chairs if there were any other judges that they wanted to switch positions due to finding out that Judges are paid \$10 an hour and Assistants are paid \$9 an hour. Republican Chair Kelsey Brown wanted to be sure a Precinct Official that had been working longer for the county was recognized as a Judge. There were no other changes needed at this time.

**Public Comment**

There was none.

Before beginning Absentee approval Member Tasha Medley asked to discuss the situation of the police being allegedly called to one of the voting precincts on October 23, 2024. Member Tasha Medley stated that there was correspondence sent out in an email of the allegations and asked her to call workers from Highland Community Center to check. Member Medley asked Director Rhonda Johnson with all the communication that had gone on of the alleged incident on October 23, 2024 why was it never mentioned that there was an incident on October 22, 2024 where the police were actually dispatched? Member Debbie Burris also stated she was unaware of the October 22, 2024.

Member Medley then asked Director Rhonda Johnson did she know about the 911 call, Director Johnson responded that she didn't know about it then Member Medley asked Deputy Director Kimberly Walter did she know about the call and she responded that she did know about the call and after stating this Director Johnson recalled she remembered hearing about it. Member Medley asked could either of them tell her about the incident and the Deputy Director was able to convey the occurrence to the board. Director Johnson then fully remembered the incident and let the Board know those involved really didn't want anyone to know and the Precinct Officials at the precinct agreed they didn't want Mt Gilead to look bad. The board assured Director Johnson that they needed to know and all she had to do was let them know that the information needed to be confidential, but this was a definite situation that the board should have been made aware of.

### **New Business**

Absentee Ballot approval

11 Absentee Ballots with Exception Forms

1 was discussed-Exception Form wasn't filled out correctly. Office to Cure this ballot.

10 were excepted.

After the ballots with Exception forms the number to be approved were 120.

Out of the 120 there was one that needed to be cured.

This brings the total number of Absentee Ballots that were approved to 129.

Total number to be cured 2.

Final total in the Absentee Ballot Machine was 208.

Motion was made for the meeting to adjourn by Member Debbie Burris and Member John Adams seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08

Board Member Signatures for Board Minutes dating October 29, 2024

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| <u>Jeddi Benson</u>   | CHAIR     |
| <u>M J A</u>          | SECRETARY |
| <u>Jasha Med</u>      | MEMBER    |
| <u>Debra C Benni</u>  | MEMBER    |
| <u>Free J Winkler</u> | MEMBER    |