



MONTGOMERY COUNTY **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2024

5:00 pm

The Montgomery County Board of Elections (BOE) met November 4, 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 5:04 p.m.

Motion was made to approve the Agenda by Member Dree Wynkoop, Member Debbie Burris seconded the motion. Agenda was approved.

Secretary John Adams added a closed session at the end of New Business. In lieu of the Director, Rhonda Johnson being occupied with duties pertaining to the election, Deputy Director Kimberly M Walter was able to update the board on the day's activities to prepare for election day.

Kimberly Walter conveyed to the board that she had met with the Chief Judges today to present them with their Chief Judge notebooks and to explain any new practices that were included in the notebook. She reminded the Chief Judges of the new protocol to assign an assistant in the precinct the task of bringing the pouch containing the flash drive from the DS200 tabulator, DS200 keys and the DS200 totals tape. Asking the Chief Judge to relay to the assistant the instructions to come in the front of the office, drop off pouch with Brenda at the front and then leave. Deputy Director then let the Chief Judges know they would be dropping off laptops/computer, ATV notebooks, precinct tubs, voted ballots locked in their rolling cart straight from DS200, and the unvoted ballots. This drop off would take place at the back of the office. There would be men at the back to unload the vehicles and the Chief Judges could head home for some much-needed rest from the day. Deputy Director also updated the Board on the organization that had already taken place in the back of the office. Setting aside a individual locked rooms for the voted ballots, DS200s, Computers and printers in their containers, unvoted ballots and designated hallway areas for ExpressVotes and precinct tubs to be placed. The expectation was to have a smooth election night that had every item go to its place and be free from chaos about location of equipment.

Director Rhonda Johnson came back to the board room and Member Tasha Medley asked about Letha Dumas' status as Chief Judge in Mt Gilead. Tasha stated that Letha had called her to let her know she had to drive the school bus the next morning (Election morning) and couldn't be there until after the bus route was completed. Rhonda stated Letha had indeed come to the office to pick up chief judge materials and let Rhonda know, Rhonda was asking the Board what steps needed to be taken in this situation, she was told by the board to send the state an email asking them how to handle this, the Board asked Rhonda to keep them up to date.

There were 2 workers that needed approval due to some precinct officials calling out sick. Julie Rushings we were unable to reach her to approve so she wasn't approved at this time.

Lahoma Jones in Troy I
They were approved.

Decision was made to pull Gene Griffith from Troy I and place him in Uwharrie. Rhonda called Gene to make that change and he agreed.

Absentee number on the machine starting was 208 ending number for the night was 342. Response came in from the State to make Tse Legrand the Chief in Mt Gilead until Letha could get to the precinct. Board approved this plan.

Tammy Dunn mentioned she would be more than willing to run blurbs/info in the paper to let the public know of precinct official needs.

8 Nursing Home Absentee Ballots needed to be cured.
Starting number on the Absentee DS200 was 208.
Ending number 342.

Motion made to adjourn by Debbie Burris seconded by John Adams.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Jeddi Benson

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