



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 16, 2024 5:30 pm

The Montgomery County Board of Elections met Friday, January 16, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the BOE Office at 327 Main St in Troy, NC. Present were Dree Wynkoop, Debbie Burris, Teddi Benson, and John Adams. Tasha Medley was present via zoom. Also, present was the Director of Elections, Rhonda Johnson and Kim Batten, Deputy Director of Elections.

Chair Benson called the meeting to order 5:30 pm.

Chair Benson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 10, November 17, and December 12, 2023. Secretary Adams made the motion with a second from Member Wynkoop. Tasha stated that the minutes were not correct. Rhonda informed the board that the minutes Tasha did not agree with, were on the county website and needed to be replaced. The minutes the board approved were corrected and revised minutes. Teddi asked Kim to hold the minutes so that Tasha could come by the office to read and sign.

Chair Benson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Member Burris gave the motion with a second from Member Wynkoop.

Director Johnson gave the monthly report for December 2023. (handouts attached)

- Resolution on appointment of early voting officials
- Precinct Training Schedule 2024 Primary
- List of requirements for student election assistants
- Updated the group on her discussion with the Economic Development Director about the websites' appearance and accuracy.

The board wanted to put a link on our site that would take them to the new Voter Registration.

- SB 747 Summary highlighting some of the changes for 2024 such as One-Stop will be referred to as Early Voting, Election Record Retention will be 22 months for all documents.

Old Business

Sent out another mailing to about 1200 voters to Mt. Gilead clarifying the name of the Mt. Precinct as Highland Community Center instead of Highland Community Building.

Public Comment Period (5 minutes at the podium)

No one wished to speak.

New Business

The party chairs were asked to attend the meeting so they could make recommendations for early voting poll workers. They were given a handout of the officials that normally work early voting. They were also reminded that a judge was needed for Cheeks Creek and a judge for the Wadeville precinct. The board approved Stephen Prophater for Cheeks Creek and Dorothy Kee for Wadeville. Debbie said that she would look into a judge for Ophir.

High School Poll Workers

Chair Benson met with the principal at the early college, and they came up with a plan that would allow students 17 years old by election day to work as assistants during early voting and election day. (hand out of qualifications and requirements attached) Secretary Adams motioned to implement this program and Tasha Medley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Member Medley asked if the Learning Academy had been contacted. Chair Benson said she had forgotten to talk to them but will contact them.

Director Johnson told the board that Montgomery would be part of a pilot program absentee signature matching the state will be "trying out" after the primary. More information to come.

The board wanted to add the following to the website: Important dates and times, add who is working at what precinct and if there is a vacancy leave it. Add a link from our site to the GIS.

With no further business at hand, and no other comments, Teddi Benson called for a motion to adjourn. John Adams moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Dree Wynkoop. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

