

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Karen Blair, Chairperson John Adams, Vice Chair Debbie Burris, Secretary Dree Wynkoop, Member Tasha Medley, Member

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 9, 2023 5:00 p.m.

The Montgomery County Board of Elections (BOE) met May 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the BOE Office at 327 Main St in Troy, NC. Present were Dree Wynkoop, Debbie Burris, and Karen Blair. Also present was the Director of Elections, Rhonda Johnson. Not attending the meeting was John Adams.

Karen Blair called the meeting to order.

The agenda was approved for the meeting. Dree Wynkoop made the motion to approve the agenda and Debbie Burris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The minutes from April 11, 2023, were approved with a motion from Debbie Burris and a second from Dree Wynkoop. All were in favor.

Rhonda read the directors report for the board members.

Rhonda informed the board members that she was working with Print Elect to make sure our equipment maintenance invoice will be lower. Print Elect got the warranty down to \$14,000. It was \$19,000.

The handouts inviting people to become a poll worker came in from the printer. Rhonda Johnson gave each board member a copy.

We will be receiving new Voter Registrations with the new felon language once the NC State Board says we can order them. We are all waiting on the printers.

Rhonda Johnson advised John Deaton, the swearing in of the new board members will be July 18th, 2023, at 12:00 noon.

During the April meeting, Rhonda Johnson gave each board member a copy of the Montgomery County BOE Emergency Plan. In this month's handouts, there is an Active Shooter Emergency Plan handout which will be added to the MC BOE emergency plan.

Rhonda Johnson told the board members about an incident with a man. The man came into the front lobby. He told Rhonda that he wanted to come into the building and film everything. Rhonda told him he would have to sign in, sign out and list the reason for his visit. The man refused to do that. He kept talking loudly and rude to Rhonda. She then called the police. The police came in and talked with her privately and told her that if we just ignore this individual, he will leave. The man is with the NC Constitution group that goes all over the US trying to instigate trouble with public offices and officials.

## Old Business

Rhonda gave the board members a copy of the Homeland Security report. The board would like the Police Department to have a copy of the security report.

The Vice Chair Position Discussion was tabled because John Adams was not present to discuss. The board will address the issue in June.

Kelsey Brown was here for the Public Comment. He pointed out that we could not change the time of a posted board meeting. He said that we should have had a 48-hour notice, to the public, prior to changing our meeting time.

## New Business

The 2023-2024 BOE Budget was tabled for the June meeting.

The staff will train for Voter ID 2023 Elections August 12, 13 and 14.

With no further business at hand, and no other comments, Karen Blair called for a motion to adjourn. Dree Wynkoop moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Debbie Burris. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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MEMBER MEMBER

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