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TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

August 12, 2016

The Transylvania County Board of Elections met in special session on Friday, August 12, 2016, at 10:00 AM in the office of the Board of Elections, 221 South Gaston Street, Brevard. Chairman David P. Morrow presided. Others present were Board Secretary John K. Barker, Member Sara G. Champion, Deputy Director Jeff Storey, and members of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrow. The first item on the agenda was adopting a new One-Stop Implementation Plan after the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court ruling. Chairman Morrow asked Jeff Storey to present the options provided by the State Board of Elections and to give the staff's recommendation. Mr. Storey explained the options offered in the attached memo from Executive Director Kim W. Strach. Mr. Storey stated that the staff would recommend option A or B. Mr. Barker asked if there was enough equipment and staff to accommodate option A. Mr. Storey assured the Board that the office has adequate equipment and staff for any option, it would be a matter of replenishing consumable supplies depending on which option the Board selected. The Board discussed the desire to have data from the Rosman site to use in the future if the site was open the entire period as well as the need to make the sites available and accessible to voters. **Mr. Barker moved to adopt option B. Ms. Champion seconded the motion for discussion.** Ms. Champion expressed that she would vote against option B as it had been presented due to the need for consistency. She noted that if there is evidence moving forward that the Rosman site is underutilized the Board can use that data to request a reduction in the future. Ms. Champion added that she would vote for option A. **Ms. Champion made a motion to amend option A to include 8 hours on the first Saturday. There was no second and the motion failed.** Chairman Morrow expressed that he also would like the data from the Rosman site for the entire 10 day period; however, he noted that option A is almost twice the hours that they have been required to offer in the past. Therefore, he stated that he is inclined to vote for option B. Ms. Champion requested a full day for the first Saturday in option B for a total of 186 hours. **Chairman Morrow made a motion to amend option B to add 5 hours to the first Saturday. Mr. Barker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Barker amended his original motion to adopt option B as amended. The motion passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was other business. The Board members considered the minutes from the August 5, 2016 meeting. **Mr. Barker moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.**

Mr. Storey reviewed a timeline with the Board regarding the new office building. The timeline indicates that the office will be fully operational in the new building beginning October 3, 2016. Mr. Storey also informed the Board that the County Commissioners have requested that the County Information and Technology Department develop a uniform county website and policy along with a social media policy. Mr. Storey noted that the office will be moving forward with releasing our new website prior to moving into the new building.

Chairman Morrow asked for public comment. Mr. Barker asked what the state meant in training materials, "develop an ASCII". Mr. Storey explained that it is a text file used in the logic and accuracy testing of the voting equipment. Kathleen Barnes reminded the Board that there will be voter registration drives on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Rosman High School and September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Brevard High School. She requested that the Board have a voting machine demonstration available at Brevard High School, like the one that Rosman High School has requested.

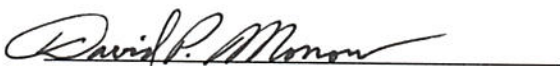
There was no additional business for the Board's consideration. **Ms. Champion moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM. The next meeting of the Board will be on Friday, September 2, 2016 at 10:00 AM for a regular monthly meeting at the Board's office, 221 South Gaston Street, Brevard.

Respectfully submitted,



John K. Barker, Secretary

Approved by Board on: 09.02.2016



David P. Morrow, Chairman



Sara G. Champion, Member