

M I N U T E S
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

December 2, 2016

The Transylvania County Board of Elections met in regular session on Friday, December 2, 2016, at 10:00 AM in the Election Center, 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard. Chairman David P. Morrow presided. Others present were Board Secretary John K. Barker, Member Sara G. Champion, Director Tracie Fisher, Deputy Director Jeff Storey, Deputy Director Laura Owen, and Aubrey Woodard.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrow. Board members considered the minutes from the November 17, 18, and 21, 2016 meetings. Ms. Champion moved to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the General Election. Mrs. Fisher reviewed the information collected from the Chief Judge debriefing meeting held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016. Mrs. Fisher plans to request funding for additional training classes in the next budget to accommodate the Chief Judges requests. Mrs. Fisher informed the Board that the State Board of Elections has not canvassed the results of the November 8, 2016 General Election and there is no determination regarding a statewide recount. The protest that named Transylvania County will be handled by the state. Ms. Fisher will submit an ad to the Transylvania Times thanking all the precinct officials for their work during the General Election.

In other business, the Director informed the Board that everything is in place for the open house that is scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM today. Mrs. Fisher updated the Board on the December 13, 2016 District 1 meeting that will take place here at the Election Center. Mrs. Fisher is waiting for confirmation on the total number that will attend to receive final pricing on the catering service. The Board requested that Mrs. Fisher invite the County Manager, Jaime Laughter, and Commissioner Chairman, Mike Hawkins, to attend the lunch and welcome our guests to Transylvania County. Mrs. Fisher informed the Board that she will complete the Board's request for a letter to the Board of Commissioners concerning a campus flag pole and reminded the Board of the oath ceremony for the newly elected officials on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 8:30 AM in the Commissioners Chambers.

The Board opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Woodard thanked the Board and staff for a continued job well done and noted that this is the first election that he has been involved with that had fewer conflicts and issues than he has experienced in the past and commended the Board and staff on a very successful endeavor. Mr. Barker commented on the great turnout for the debriefing with the Chief Judges and the good ideas for future trainings that came from the meeting. Ms. Champion agreed and added that the training scenarios that will be available to the precinct officials to practice with at their convenience will increase their confidence level going forward. Chairman Morrow informed the Board that he has ordered the benches that will be placed in front of the Election Center and asked Mrs. Fisher to email Carleen Dixon, Recreation Director, the wording for the plaques.

There was no additional business for the Board's consideration. Mr. Barker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM. The next meeting of the Board will be held on January 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the Election Center located at, 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard.

Respectfully submitted,


John K. Barker, Secretary

Approved by Board on: 01-06-2017


David P. Morrow, Chairman


Sara G. Champion, Member