

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2019

The scheduled meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections was called to order at 10:00 am on Tuesday, July 11, 2019 at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Present

Board Members:

Sara Champion, Chair
Lee McMinn, Secretary
David Morrow
Pam Dashiell
Michael Wainwright

Staff:

Jeff Storey, Director
Laura Owen, Deputy Director
Bria Bailey, Deputy Director

Visitors: Kathleen Barnes

Amendment to Agenda

Chair Champion made a motion to approve the amendments to the agenda. Ms. Dashiell seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval and Review of Previous Minutes

Secretary McMinn made a motion to approve the minutes from June 4, 2019. Ms. Dashiell seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

Resolution to request temporary transfer of voters CC to RE

Director Storey presented the resolution to temporarily transfer 20 eligible voters from the Cathey's Creek precinct to the adjacent Rosman Eastatoe precinct for the 2019 Municipal Election. **Mr. Morrow moved to approve the resolution as presented. Ms. Dashiell seconded. The motion unanimously carried.**

Precinct line change proposal

Director Storey presented the board with a set of maps showing the precinct lines for an area located off Lyon's Mountain Road and for an area owned by Adventure Ridge Village and Lodgings. The area off Lyon's Mountain Road was annexed in 2003 by the Town of Rosman but remains in the Cathey's Creek precinct. Secretary McMinn suggested extending the Rosman precinct line to include the annexed area to avoid transferring voters every municipal election. Director Storey requested an extension of the Rosman precinct line to Israel Road adjacent to the Adventure Ridge property to avoid GIS issues along the precinct line that is currently split between Rosman Eastatoe and Cathey's Creek. **Secretary McMinn made a motion to begin the process to extend the Rosman precinct boundary. Mr. Morrow seconded. The motion unanimously carried.**

DIRECTOR UPDATES

One Stop Plan

Director Storey updated the board on HB 683 that would add the last Saturday back to the early voting timeline and change the operating hours to 8 am - 8 pm during weekdays. The director suggested tabling the one stop plan until the fate of the bill has been determined. The One Stop implementation plan is due by August 27, 2019. The board agreed. Chair Champion asked the director to gather the operating hours / voter turnout data for previous municipal elections.

State Conference

The director presented the board with the travel and conference materials for the State Board of Elections training conference on July 29-30. Staff and board members will be attending. Karen Henderson will watch the office.

Voter ID Seminars

The board was reminded of the Voter ID seminars for the general public that are to take place on August 1, 2019 at 6 pm and August 3, 2019 at 10:10 am. Director Storey indicated that advertising will begin on July 18 with a press release in the newspaper and radio spots on WSQL.

DS200 Equipment Delivery

Director Storey informed the board the new voting equipment, laptops, security carts, and voting booths have been delivered. PrintElect will schedule a time to perform the acceptance testing for the DS200. The board asked about the disposition of the old equipment. The director indicated a partial pickup from PrintElect will occur before the election. The remainder is awaiting trade-in after new ADA equipment has been certified.

Training Manuals

The director revealed that staff are busy updating and revising training manuals to account for the new equipment. Paper ballots and photo ID will necessitate extra training for precinct workers. The chain of custody form and general procedures will need to be changed as well.

Precinct Officials

Director Storey asked the board if they had any updates on precinct official nominations. The consensus was party chairs have not provided any additional information. The director said he would contact them to get updates and remind them the board is appointing workers next month. The board asked how many positions needed to be filled per precinct. The director will give them the budgeted allocations. There was discussion on the role and number of precinct workers needed with new equipment. The director stated the numbers would be similar, but roles will change. Training will be key, but the processes should be simpler.

Brennan Center Public Records request

The board was updated on the extensive public records request from the Brennan Center. The director informed the board the request extends beyond the record retention schedule, but we will send any data that is still available.

In other comments, the director presented a request from Fred Morse to use a parking space for a canopy during early voting. The board agreed provided it does not obscure traffic or walking pathways. As previously mentioned, Director Storey stated Maurice Jones has also expressed an interest in moving Brevard #2 precinct to the Mary C. Jenkins Community Center for the 2020 General Election contingent on its completion.

Board and Public Comment

Pam Dashiell updated the board on the Williamson Creek Community Center renovation and fund raising. The project was going well and involvement has been great. There was general discussion addressing other precinct locations. Ms. Dashiell mentioned the need for shades in Brevard #4 for the large windows. Mr. McMinn suggested looking into a grant or shared cost with the college to install permanent shades.

Kathleen Barnes expressed to the board that Saturday voting is essential for early voting in the Municipal election to accommodate the working class. Director Storey indicated past elections have always included the last Saturday and legislation is pending that will add that day back to early voting.

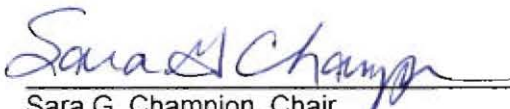
Ms. Barnes also informed the board about a coalition of voting advocates from Western North Carolina that have requested from the State a cross match of driver's licenses and voter registrations to identify needs with voter ID. The State will provide the data before September 1st, 2019. Mr. Morrow asked how many have come into the office to obtain voter ID. The director indicated a few have asked questions about obtaining a card, but no one has come in to request one. Ms. Barnes asked if the card printer will be available during the Voter ID seminar. The director responded that it would.

On a motion by Chair Champion, seconded by Secretary McMinn, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am. The next scheduled meeting will be at 10:00 am on August 1, 2019, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee McMinn, Secretary



Sara G. Champion, Chair



David P. Morrow, Member



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Approved by Board on: 8 / 1 / 2019

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RESOLUTION

Requesting Temporary Transfer of Voters to an Adjacent Precinct

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163A-1045(a) authorizes a county board of elections to request that voters from a given precinct be temporarily transferred, for the purpose of voting, to an adjacent precinct; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Rosman on May 12, 2003 did annex an area located on Lyon's Mountain Road owned by Marie H. Pettit and Thomas L. Hooper and wife, Katy H. Hooper; and,

WHEREAS, all of the annexed area and its residents are within the boundaries of Cathey's Creek precinct while all other voters qualified to vote in Rosman municipal elections reside within the boundaries of the adjacent precinct, Rosman-Eastatoe; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transylvania County Board of Elections respectfully requests that the 20 registered voters and other residents of the annexed area who may become registered voters be temporarily transferred from Cathey's Creek precinct to Rosman-Eastatoe precinct, for the purpose of voting in the Town of Rosman municipal elections only; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that separate registration and voting records shall be maintained, consistent with the procedures prescribed by the State Board of Elections, to identify the voters temporarily assigned to Rosman-Eastatoe precinct as residents of Cathey's Creek precinct; and,

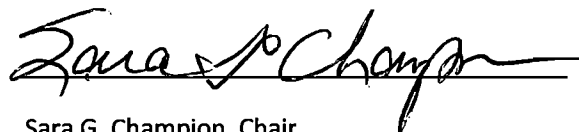
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution notice shall be given as outlined in GS 163-1045(a); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections and the Chief Judge for Rosman-Eastatoe precinct.

This the 11th day of July 2019.

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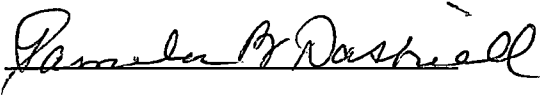
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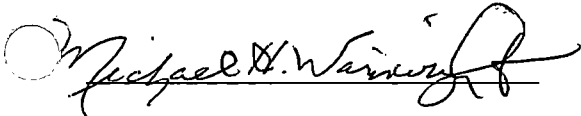
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