

**Board Minutes of the Duplin County Board of Elections
Wednesday, November 4, 2015 10:00AM**

On Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 10:00 AM, the Duplin County Board of Elections was called to order by Derl Walker, Chairman. In attendance at the meeting were the following: Derl Walker, Chairman; Johnnie Boyette, Secretary; Angela B. Mainor, Member; Karen Lawrence, Director; Tervor Normile, reporter for the Duplin Times Newspaper,

Assistance in the process of handling ballots was Lillian Stainback, Elections Specialist.

The meeting was called to order by Derl Walker, Chairman at 10:00am.

The invocation was given by Board Chairman, Derl Walker

Approval for the following minutes was made as a motion by Derl Walker and seconded by Johnnie Boyette all were unanimous in the approval.

1. November 3, 2015 minutes to approve absentees by mail and to handle election day issues.

There was no pending old business

New Business:

Karen Lawrence asked the board to meet with a concurrence of the NC State Board of Elections to do a hand to eye recount of the write ins for the Warsaw Municipal Election to verify the voting as there was some discrepancy in the number the Chief Judge and two Judges at that precinct and what was reported on the election night tape with what they had turned in. the total that was reported on the M-100 tape was 192.

The board was given an email from Veronica Degraffenried from the NC State Board of Elections, the NC General Statutes of 163-123, 163-182.1 and a NC State Board of Elections guide entitled "Standards for Determining What Constitutes a Vote and What Will be Counted As a Vote" written by former State Board of Elections Executive Director, Gary Bartlett as a guide to preform the procedures required.

Mr. Derl Walker, Chairman (R) called out the write-ins, Ms. Johnnie Boyette, Secretary (R) tallied as well as Angela B. Mainor, Member (D) tallied. Observing were the Director Karen Lawrence (U) and Trevor Normile, Reporter for the Duplin Times.

The tape from the precinct indicated there were 192 write-ins and 309 ballots cast in the Warsaw municipality on the 11/03/2015 election and that is what the M-100 reading of the PCMCI card indicated into the Unity Computer on Election Night Reporting as well.

After the count and tallying the following was determined:
Marvin Coe, Candidate for Warsaw Commissioner received 121 votes
Antonio Cooper, Candidate for Warsaw Commissioner received 70 votes
And there was 309 ballots counted as cast.

It was determined that the poll workers error will be corrected in the state results to reflect these votes which equals exactly the 191 write ins that the M-100 read.

Director Lawrence also presented the board with the issue of the Provisional Ballot envelopes that the registration forms were placed inside the envelope not on the outside and without all the provisional voters information that the office staff cannot do proper research with DMV and also that these same voters did not receive a letter to call the state with a pin number as well. Angela B. Mainor, member made a motion that the Director only, be able to open the envelope and take out the needed provisional registration forms and reseal the envelopes until canvass day and to mail the proper pin number letters to each voter involved so they can call and see if their provisional ballot was counted after Canvass Day on 11/10/2015. Johnnie Boyette, Secretary seconded the motion and it passed by acclamation.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM by Derl Walker, Chairman.

The next regular meeting will be, on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 @ 11:00am Canvass Day to certify the election.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Lawrence
Director of Elections
Duplin County, NC

Derl Walker, Chairman

Johnnie Boyette, Secretary

Angela Mainor, Member