

Duplin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting

November 6, 2023

5:30 PM

The Duplin County Board of Election meeting Monday, November 6, 2023 at 5:32 PM at the Duplin County Board of Elections office. Members in attendance were:

Angela B. Mainor, **Board Chair**

Ann Henderson, **Secretary**

Larry Cooper, **Board Member**

Vickie Ezzell, **Board Member**

Anita Powers, **Board Member**

Also present: Jasmine Gadsden, **Director**

Carrie Sullivan, **Deputy Director**

Evelyn Tuten, **Election Specialist**

Call to Order: Board Chair, Angela B. Mainor at 5:32 PM

Invocation: Given by Board Secretary, Ann Henderson

Public Comments: No public comments were given.

Approval of Agenda/Previous Board Minutes: Board Secretary, Ann Henderson made a motion to approve the agenda and previous Board Minutes, with the addition of the notation in the minutes that the Board Chair had requested that all Board minutes be added to the County website upon Board approval and that all minutes in the Board notebooks be updated from July when the Board took their oath of office. The motion was seconded by Board Member, Vickie Ezzell.

All members present were in favor and the previous Board minutes were approved with the understanding that the requested change be made.

Election Day Prep: Director Jasmine Gadsden provided a list of precinct addresses to all members of the Board. Director Jasmine Gadsden asked that the Board complete the form and notate which locations they visit on Election Day so that their travel reimbursements could be completed.

Director Jasmine Gadsden reminded the Board that polls would be open from 6:30 AM until 7:30 PM.

Director Jasmine Gadsden informed the Board that Warsaw Town Police would be patrolling near the Warsaw precinct to ensure that prior issues that have been occurring in the area did not affect the election.

Director Jasmine Gadsden stated that she had asked everyone that had contacted the office about viewing the Election results at precincts to allow the workers to have a few minutes to start the clean up process before entering.

Absentees: Director Jasmine Gadsden told the Board that there were 4 Absentee ballots to process. The Board reviewed and approved all 4 Absentee ballots. The total number of Absentees processed during this Election is 31.

Director Jasmine Gadsden informed the Board that the total number of Absentees processed is 196. This total comes from the 31 Absentees processed by the Board and the 165 ballots cast at the Early voting site. Director Jasmine Gadsden stated that only 2% of registered voters in the municipalities had shown up to vote. Director Jasmine Gadsden further stated that the Calypso precinct did not have any voters cast a ballot during Early voting.

Early Voting Schedule for Primary Election 2024: Director Jasmine Gadsden asked that the Board revisit the discussion on the Early Voting plan for the 2024 Presidential Primary.

Board Member, Vickie Ezzell made a motion to approve Plan 2 as stated. No Board Member Seconded the motion. The motion did not carry.

Board Member, Larry Cooper made a motion to approve Plan 2 with the addition Sunday, February 18, 2023 from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM, and to have Kenansville and Wallace as Early Voting sites pending price quotes from Mr. Morrison in Wallace. The motion was seconded by Board Member, Vickie Ezzell.

All members present were in favor Early Voting Plan passed unanimously.

Closed Session: The Board entered a closed session meeting at 6:18 PM

The Board exited the closed session meeting at 6:47 PM.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board Meeting: In person Meeting Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Adjourn: Board Member Anita Powers made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Larry Cooper seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela B. Mainor, Board Chair

Anita Powers, Board Member

Larry Cooper, Board Member

Ann Henderson, Secretary

Vickie Ezzell, Board Member

Prepared by Carrie Sullivan, Deputy Director

Reviewed by Jasmine Gadsden, Director

*Minutes approved by Duplin County board members at the Board meeting on November 17, 2023.