

Meeting Agenda

Location: Henderson County Board of Elections
75 E. Central St.
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Date: May 24, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM

Clay Eddleman (D) / Debbie Dante (S-R) / Cynthia Ellis (D) / Linda Rebuck (R) / Sharon Pearson(D)

Agenda details:

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- Review, tabulate and add results of approved Supplemental Absentee Ballots, Complete Supplemental Abstract, and Certificates of Oath
- Review, tabulate and add results of approved Provisional Ballots, complete Provisional Ballot Returns
- Review and approval of total vote counts and voter history from Pre-Canvass audit and Final Canvass Spreadsheet
- Review Hand to Eye Recount
- Commissioner Letter
- ID Exception Form
- Personnel

Closed session –§ 143-318.11 (6)

VII. Director Comments

VIII. Adjournment

Henderson County Board of Elections

Welcome Please Sign In

Date: 5/24/24

1. Jane Bilello NCE IT
2. Gina Muffin A
3. Richard J. Vickers, Esq.
4. Peri David
5. _____
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10. _____

Part 2. Ballots and Voting Systems.

§ 163-165.1. Scope and general rules.

(a) Scope. – This Article shall apply to all elections in this State.

(b) Requirements of Official Ballots in Voting. – In any election conducted under this Article:

(1) All voting shall be by official ballot.

(2) Only votes cast on an official ballot shall be counted.

(c) Compliance With This Article. – All ballots shall comply with the provisions of this Article.

(d) Other Uses Prohibited. – An official ballot shall not be used for any purpose not authorized by this Article.

(e) Voted ballots and paper and electronic records of individual voted ballots shall be treated as confidential, and no person other than elections officials performing their duties may have access to voted ballots or paper or electronic records of individual voted ballots except by court order or order of the appropriate board of elections as part of the resolution of an election protest or investigation of an alleged election irregularity or violation. Voted ballots and paper and electronic records of individual voted ballots shall not be disclosed to members of the public in such a way as to disclose how a particular voter voted, unless a court orders otherwise. Any person who has access to an official voted ballot or record and knowingly discloses in violation of this section how an individual has voted that ballot is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. (2001-460, s. 3; 2002-159, s. 55(o); 2005-323, s. 1(f); 2007-391, s. 9(a); 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)

WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CALL OUT
RESULTS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL ABSENTEES (4) &
PROVISIONALS (6). WE MUST PROTECT SECRECY
OF THE VOTER'S BALLOT. SEE HIGHLIGHTED LAW
ABOVE!

Henderson County Board of Elections
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 24, 2024
CANVASS 2nd Primary

The Board of Elections met May 24, 2024, at 11:00 AM at the Henderson County Board of Elections office at 75 E. Central Street. Members present were Clay Eddleman, Chair, Debbie Dante, Secretary, Linda Rebuck, Sharon Pearson, Cindy Ellis, Members, and Summer Heatherly, Director. Staff present: Aaron, Vicki, Chuckie.

Pledge

Minutes: Minutes were approved for 5/14/24

Agenda: Linda moved to approve the agenda. Cindy 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Old Business: None.

New Business: **Review, tabulate and add results of approved Supplemental Absentee Ballots, Complete Supplemental Abstract and Certificate of Oath.** Received 4 Absentee Ballots on Election Day by 7:30 pm. 4 Ballots came in after the deadline. Opened Absentee Supplemental scanner; Public Count: 0. Scanned 4 Ballots. Closing Public Count: 4. Printed results tape; Board signed and completed the Vote Total Verification forms. Board was unable to call results due to voter secrecy. Unable to supply a copy of the tape to the public, for the same reason.

Review, tabulate, and add results of approved Provisional Ballots, complete Provisional Ballot Returns. Provisional scanner opened. Public Count: 0. Scanned 6 ballots. Closing Public Count: 6. Printed results tape; Board signed and completed Vote Total Verification. Board was unable to call results due to voter secrecy. Unable to supply a copy of the tape to the public, for the same reason.

Review and approval of total vote counts and voter history from Pre-Canvass audit and Final Canvass Spreadsheet. Director reviewed Final Canvass Spreadsheet. County turnout was 3.09%.

Board signed Final Abstract of Votes.

Review Hand to Eye Count. Rugby Precinct and Early Voting were chosen to recount. DS200 scanner compared with Hand Eye count was the same; Rugby Precinct 30 votes, Early Voting 661 votes.

Commissioner letter. Board approved draft letter to Chairman McCall (see attached). Chair noted he would be available for any questions.

ID Exception form. Board discussed draft letter to the State Board members, State Director, state legal, Senator Moffitt, Rep. Balkum, and all members of the House Election Law & Finance Reform Committee regarding the current Absentee By Mail ID Exception Form issues. Linda moved to send the letter as amended (see attached). Sharon 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Directors Comments: Director has requested feedback from the Poll Workers from both primaries. The 2nd Primary was small, but we took lessons learned that can be implemented in the November 2024 General. A lot of changes/improvements were made from the 1st primary to the 2nd regarding how supplies are packed up and the Chief Judge Manuel has been re-organized. We will not be using the vests any longer as they have outlived their age.

Director will be taking the state certification next year when they offer it, and she is looking into Federal Certification in addition to the state certification.

Director was asked what the payroll costs for the 2nd Primary were and she stated approximately \$30,000 (3.09% turnout-2,208 votes out of an eligible amount of 71,476 voters).

Debbie commented on the voter applications missing driver's license numbers or social security numbers and requested it be put on the agenda for the next meeting in October.

Debbie moved we recess for 5 minutes. Chair 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Recess 12:43 PM.

Reconvened 12:53 PM.

Sharon moved to go into Closed Session per NCGS§ 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel matters; Directors bonus. Linda 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Moved to Closed Session at 12:55 PM.

Returned into Open Session at 1:45 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Albroah Dante
Secretary

Approved Disapproved

Ray Edue
Chairman

Approved Disapproved

Cindy Ellis
Member

Approved Disapproved

Leon Roberts
Member

Approved Disapproved

Sharon L. Pearson
Member

Approved this the 8 day of Oct, 2024.

MAY 14, 2024
 SECOND PRIMARY ELECTION
 CANVASS

PRECINCT	VOTER REGISTRATION	DSS 200	VOTER HISTORY - PRECINCT TOTAL (Precinct Total)	Difference between ATY/Pollbook and total ballots counted at precinct	POSSIBLE EXPLANATION (Office solution-black) (No solution-red)	TRANSFER-LOBBY	% Voting Election Day
ARMORY	1244	19	19				1.53%
ATKINSON	2976	58	58				1.95%
BAT CAVE	806	28	28				3.47%
BRICKTON	1153	15	15				1%
CRAB CREEK	1139	60	60				5%
CLEAR CREEK	3476	48	48				1.38%
CAROLINA VILLAGE	414	61	61				14.73%
EDNEYVILLE	2675	67	67				2.50%
EAST FLAT ROCK	2206	40	40				1.81%
ETOWAH SOUTH	1971	35	35				2%
ETOWAH VALLEY	2341	54	54				2.31%
FLETCHER	3521	56	56				2%
FLAT ROCK	2754	74	74				2.69%
GRIMSDALE	1090	19	19				1.74%
GREEN RIVER	2373	68	68				2.87%
HOOPERS CREEK	2914	65	65				2.23%
HORSE SHOE	2216	60	60				3%
HENDERSONVILLE-1	1797	28	28				1.56%
HENDERSONVILLE-2	1890	18	18				1%
HENDERSONVILLE-3	1868	42	42				2.25%
LONG JOHN MOUNTAIN	1710	36	36				2%
LAUREL PARK	1508	33	33				2.19%
MOORES GROVE	980	7	7				0.71%
NORTH BLUE RIDGE	3682	71	71				1.93%
NORTHEAST	1842	26	26				1.41%
NORTH MILLS RIVER	2657	50	50				2%
NORTHWEST	1683	20	20				1.19%
PARK RIDGE	2390	46	46				2%
PISGAH VIEW	1672	23	23				1.38%
RUGBY	2059	30	30				1%
RAVEN ROCK	895	21	21				2.35%
SOUTH BLUE RIDGE	2898	49	49				1.69%
SOUTHEAST	1168	15	15				1%
SOUTH MILLS RIVER	3370	69	69				2.05%
SOUTHWEST	2138	55	55				2.57%
TOTAL - ELECTION DAY	71476	1466	1466				
TOTAL - ABSENTEES BY MAIL		71	71				
TOTAL - EARLY VOTING		661	661				
TOTAL - EN TRANSFERS							
UNOFFICIAL ELECTION NIGHT TOTALS		2198	2198				
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL ABSENTEES		4	4				
TOTAL PROVISIONALS		6	6				
TOTAL - VOTES CAST	71476	2208	2208				3.09%

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Dear Chairman McCall,

In that, (a) the Henderson County Board of Elections currently pays about \$5,000 per month in rent for our building (around \$60 K yearly) and (b) the county, rather than the landlord, must pay for all upkeep and maintenance of said building and (c) in the opinion of the Board, the taxpayers' monies in the long term might be better spent owning this building; the Henderson County Board of Elections voted unanimously to respectfully request that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners explore the possibility of purchasing the current building.

Additionally, to provide stability, we are looking to secure long-term accommodations for the Board of Elections in the forever-changing county. Having occupied this building for nearly 20 years, we the Board are interested in purchasing the property.

Thank you and we look forward to your decision.

Respectfully,

Henderson County Board of Elections

X Clay Eddleman

Clay Eddleman
Board Chairman

X Debbie Dante

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Board Secretary

X Sharon Pearson

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Board Member

X Linda Rebuck

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Board Member

X Cynthia Ellis

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To State Board of Elections,

In reviewing the various responses from the voters in our county when returning the exception form for mail-in ballots ("Photo ID Exception Form for Absentee Voting"), the Henderson County Board of Elections has noted voter confusion regarding completing the form.

The Board respectfully requests that the form be updated to clarify the instructions and requirements for its use. Since all citizens must be treated equally, it should be made clear that in lieu of a photo ID, all voters, both in person and mail in, must provide either the last four digits of their Social Security Number or a NC Driver's license or NC state-issued ID card number.

In addition, the Board requests that this subject be placed on the August state meeting agenda.

On behalf of the voters of Henderson County, your efforts toward making this form clear and fair for all voters is appreciated.

X Clay Eddleman
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Board Chairman

X Deborah Dante
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Board Secretary

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