Board Minutes of the Duplin County Board of Elections
Tuesday, October 28, 2015 5:00PM

On Tuesday, October 28, 2015 at 5:00 PM, the Duplin County Board of Elections was called to order by Derl Walker, Chariman. In attendance at the beginning of the meeting were the following: Derl Walker, Chairman; Johnnie Boyette, Secretary; Karen Lawrence, Director; Susan Williams, Deputy Director; Lillian Stainback, Elections Specialist and Nada Natalie, Reporter for the Duplin Times. Angela B. Mainor, Member; came in at a later time in the meeting.

The invocation was given by the Chair, Derl Walker.
Approval for the following minutes was made as a motion by Derl Walker and seconded by Jonnie Boyette:

September 8, 2015 regular meeting minutes
September 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes
September 25, 2015 closed session meeting minutes
September 25, 2015 emergency meeting minutes
September 28, 2015 meeting minutes
September 28, 2015 closed session meeting minutes
October 20, 2015 absentee meeting to approve 1 ballot

There was no pending old business.

New Business included an Informational note to the board: NCOA Card issue correction-ordered incorrectly in the past with the incorrect mailing permit number was presented by Karen Lawrence. The Post Office had called us our office and informed us that the old cards had the wrong permit number on them. Ours had the permit for the county instead of the state so new ones were ordered. Verification cards $175.92, Voter Confirmation cards $175.92 and NCOA Cards $163.67 plus shipping $59.00= Total cost $578.47

Karen Lawrence & Susan Williams presented the request for an approval to purchase clock chips to correct m-100 clock issue. During testing and at One Stop the staff noticed that the M-100's were losing time or going back to Day Light Savings time without our changing the time manually. We contacted Print Elect and they let us know that all Boards of Elections were notified in 2012 that these machines were requiring a clock chip to correct the new month that daylight savings time was changed to by the Federal Government. Our county never bought them according to Print Elect. The board was presented with a quote for request to purchase these at $35.00 each for 27=$945.00. Derl Walker presented the motion to purchase these chips and have Print Elect install them at their next maintenance scheduled. Johnnie Boyette seconded and it was passed unanimously

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Susan Williams, Deputy Director of Elections presented an Informational note to the Board: Sheriff Wallace has agreed for our Supply Trailer to be stored at the new Annex Jail on off

Highway 11 near the office. Board agreed that this is a good idea since this will open up a parking space in front of the office for voters.

Director-Karen Lawrence asked the board for approval to stop the quote from Inclusion Solutions for voting totems initiated by Debra Nurse while she was Interim. The board discussed these and decided unanimously to hold the quote and try to add these to next year's budgeting process as a new expense rather than taking them out of this budget. Derl Walker proposed the motion and Johnnie Boyette seconded all were in favor.

Karen Lawrence, Director presents a disgruntled letter from former poll worker, Chief Judge-Sue Sutton. Ms. Sutton was upset because she was not picked as a Chief Judge in Calypso again. This letter was also sent to Josh Lawson, State Board General Counsel and to our county commissioners by Ms. Sutton. The board discussed this, and was in agreement that she has no guarantee to be picked as she was not sent in as a name for approval by either party and as an unaffiliated voter we understand that she may not be picked as the law designates that the two major parties will fill the slots if possible in any precinct. She also filled out an application as a poll worker that only stated she would be a Chief Judge therefore tying our hands as to what position we could assign her to.

The current budget was presented by Susan Williams, Deputy Director of Elections. The budget was discussed line by line and we are trying to get the hotel to refund us the money the county paid out for the December conference that was cancelled.

The current election schedule was presented by Lily Stainback, Elections Specialist who pointed out the new changes for the March primary and the board was reminded about their board meeting next week on Election Day. She also presented a list of current precinct workers for each precinct, MAT team, One Stop & Student Elections Assistants. She also presented the surveys she will be using for the SEA and poll workers to evaluate this program and see what they feel are needed to make it better in the future. Angela Mainor suggested that we try to have our SEA's more diverse and Ms Stainback noted that we had 1 African American, 4 Caucasian and 5 Hispanic SEA's and that we have more that are coming for training this week.

Comments were made by the board chair, Mr. Walker commending the staff on the poll worker training as the best they had ever had. He suggested that we add signage to show workers where next station is and to allow more time per station or shorted some of the training so we move to the next station on time.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:50PM.

The next regular meeting will be on November 2, 2015 @ 5:00 pm Election Day to count absentees and handle any election day issues.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Lawrence
Director of Elections
Duplin County, NC

Derl Walker

Derl Walker, Chairman

Johnnie W. Boyette

Johnnie Boyette, Secretary

Angela B. Mainor

Angela Mainor, Member