

Friday, January 11, 1991 8:30 A. M.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Friday, January 11, 1991 at 8:30 AM in the board room of the Catawba County Board of Elections. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve the minutes of November 15, 1990 and November 27, 1990 as each member had copies prior to this meeting and there were no corrections or additions. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

The Board discussed the letter from Mr. Brock in reply to their letter pertaining to the PTV voting on 11/6/90.

The 1-A and 2-A on the partisan ballots were discussed. This Board had written and had phone conversation with the State Chairman of the Board of Elections. The consensus was the State Board had not given the members a good clear reason why it was on the partisan ballot when the voting did not affect the voting equipment used in Catawba County. Motion was made by Bill Hasty that this Board advise the State Board, that the local board did not interpret the law as it being required and did not plan to do it anymore. Discussion was called. Vote was called. 1 Vote yes, 2 votes No. The motion failed.

David Abernethy reported on the Board Members district meeting in Statesville on January 8, 1991.

New Business: The purpose of this meeting was to review the 1991-1992 budget as prepared by the supervisor. 1st item thoroughly discussed was the Objectives. One Objective was re-worded and an additional one was added. It was unanimous that the "Statement of Purpose and Major Objectives" was unanimously approved. Another item discussed was personnel. Motion was made by Bill Hasty to go into executive session to discuss personnel. This motion was seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved. David Abernethy made the motion to reconvene back into regular session. This was seconded by Bill Hasty and unanimously approved. Action taken in the executive session was to approve the request for an additional full time employee as was justified. All other line items were discussed. It was unanimous by all three members to approve the over-all budget as submitted by the supervisor to be presented to the County Manager for the County Commissioners.

The Five (5) Year Budget was discussed. It was unanimous by all three members to put \$300,000.00 in the Capital Out-Lay for the purchase of voting equipment in the 1992-1993 year. This same item was in the 1991-1992 year and requested by the Budget office to postpone this purchase for a year which this office agreed to with the stipulation that if the need came before 1992-1993, it would be requested to be reinstated. (Catawba County's voting equipment is 10 years old).

David Abernethy requested the Supervisor to contact Carol Garner at the Elections Center about the agenda for the International Conference as attendance was discussed and is a part of the 1991-1992 Budget.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with David Abernethy staying to sign the Resolutions and Legal Ads for the precinct changes required by Census.


Albert M Yount, Secretary

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Wednesday, January 23, 1991 11:30 A M

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Wednesday, January 23, 1991 at 11:30 A M in the office of the board of elections. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. There were no corrections or additions so the minutes were approved.

The purpose of this meeting was at the request of Mr. Hasty for further budget information.

Mr. Hasty moved the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the personnel part as listed in previous budget meeting. This was discussed, and then unanimously approved. It was unanimous to reconvene back into regular meeting. No action taken. The Board requested the supervisor and deputy to join them in the meeting. The justification for the full time position was discussed thoroughly. Motion was made by Bill Hasty to rescind the motion approved in previous meeting of January 11, 1991 for an additional full time position. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

Further discussion revolved around a 1/2 time position. Motion was made by David Abernethy to request, instead of an additional full time employee, a 1/2 time employee (with this person to be 40 hours or more as required by the supervisor), and we ask the personnel director to meet with the Board staff and a Board Member to work out the details of how the job description should read and how to adjust to that in our budget. This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty and unanimously approved. Mr. Abernethy asked Mr. Hasty to be the Board member in this meeting.

A registration card was presented to the Board for a Mr Robert Russell Rollins that did not have a signature. The DMV office and the State Board had tried to contact Mr. Rollins. It was unanimous by all three members to write him a letter to the address given and advise the voter to register when home.

There being no further business, Bill moved and Albert seconded to adjourn. It was unanimous.


Albert M Yount, Secretary

January 30, 1991 Wednesday 11:30 AM

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Wednesday, January 30, 1991 at 11:30 A.M. in the office of the board of elections. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

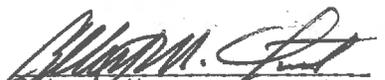
The minutes of the previous meeting were read. It was unanimous by all to approve as read.

Let these minutes show that Mr. Bill Hasty met with Lillie Holmes, Personnel Director for Catawba County and the Board Staff on Friday, January 25, 1991. The purpose of this meeting is to advise the other two board members of information obtained in that meeting.

Motion was made by Bill Hasty that the new permanent employee be considered 1/2 time (20 hours a week) but total funded for 1250 hours, and the part time be funded for 350 hours. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

Bill Hasty brought up the EMS flyer and was concerned he had heard nothing from the D.A., and thought it should be reported to the D.A. again. Mr. Abernethy and Mr. Yount thought the Board had satisfied their obligation as a Board.

Motion was made by Albert Yount to adjourn, seconded by David Abernethy.


Albert Yount, Secretary

February 22, 1991 Friday 8:30 A M

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Friday, February 22, 1991 at 8:30 A M in the office of the board of elections. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. There were no corrections or additions, so they were unanimously approved.

Let the minutes show, the Board met on Tuesday, February 19, 1991 in Hickory rather than the Board office. All three members were present. The members met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion was made by David Abernethy to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty and unanimously approved. Part of the executive meeting was attended by the supervisor and deputy supervisor. Bill Hasty moved to out of executive session. It was unanimous.

Albert Yount requested that the minutes show that on 2/4/91, Bill Hasty called him by phone and discussed budget and personnel; 2/5/91, David Abernethy called him and discussed rumor mill; and 2/11/91, David Abernethy called him about elections matters. David Abernethy reported for the minutes to show that he and Bill Hasty had had several phone calls about the SBI report.

Mr. Abernethy asked if there were any further business. Bill Hasty asked to read from a prepared statement and wanted it a part of the minutes. It is as follows:

"The Board of Elections met on January 11, 1991 for the purpose of discussing and approving the 1991-92 budget. Those present were David Abernethy, Chairman; Ab Yount, Secretary; Bill Hasty, Board member; and Joyce Rudisill, Supervisor.

In the past the Board policy has been to discuss and approve the budget in one meeting. Because I had no prior knowledge of budget items to be discussed. I disagreed with approving the budget with no time allowed for reflective thought.

A budget item for a third full-time staff member and for 1000 hours of part-time labor was requested by the supervisor. Upon questioning, the supervisor stated that she and the deputy supervisor had previously discussed the item and that they were in full agreement with the request. Ab stated that he had deep reservations about the item, but that he would go along with the request. I said that upon the information presented at that time, the request seemed to be justified. (including other counties of like size, with 3 full time positions.) The supervisor then asked to hire a specific person for the job. Reply - no because our budget is only a request for county's decision. The budget was then approved with the personnel addition as requested.

After the meeting, I checked with the Deputy Supervisor and was told that she (the deputy supervisor) had not agreed that a new full-time staff member was needed at this time.

I then called for another board meeting to discuss this matter. The meeting was held on 1/23/91. I stated my findings to the rest of the board. Ab requested to revise his vote of approval. The Board then withdrew its approval of this budget item for full-time personnel.

The Board then met with the supervisor and the deputy supervisor to discuss adding a new full-time staff member. The results were: less than one full-time staff member was needed at this time. Also, that the request of 1000 hours of part-time help was more than necessary.

I was requested to meet with the County Personnel Manager along with the board staff on 1/25/91 to iron out details of our request. This was done.

On 1/31/91 the Board of Elections met for me to report the findings and to adjust the budget request on the personnel item.

A. Original request by supervisor was: 1 full time at 2080 per year and part time help at 1000 hours per year.

B. Items as passed by the board: 1 half-time staff member at 1250 hours per year and part-time help at 350 hours per year.

This is a reduction of 1480 hours yearly or more than a 48% reduction of the original request.

At no time after the original meeting of 1/11/91 did the supervisor justify her original request nor did she disagree with the reductions. I move the supervisor be demoted to deputy supervisor." There being no second to the motion, the motion died.

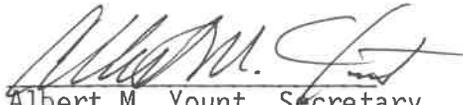
Albert Yount requested to make a statement: I consider this whole letter of Bill Hasty's leading up to the motion, a reflection of the budget process of the Board of Elections which I perceive as a give and take matter, and the bottom line is what do we ask for? In this case, the bottom line is, we have asked for a 1/2 time position. Regardless of what is said, or what is done, this is what goes on the record. We all know we talk about a lot of things. That is how we arrive at our final budget request. How we arrive at this is called the budget process. Who said what, who said if, who said that, continues in my way of thinking as being part of trying to come up with the bottom line. It is not the inadequacy of the supervisor or inadequacy of the Board. We finally got down to agree we needed a 1/2 time position, and how we got there is how we got there and I don't think it reflects on anybody. I reject out of hand the motion to demote the supervisor, and feel sustained in my rejection of the motion by reason the motion died on the floor for lack of a second.

David Abernethy wished to make 2 remarks.

1. I did not agree that the inclusion of the part time hours was incorrect. I agree with Mr Yount that at least the part time hours is a normal part of the budget process. I do not fault the supervisor for that.

2. As evidenced by my lack of a second, I did not feel the facts justified the motion, although the matter has some importance; it is not in our core function of running good elections for the people of Catawba County.

There being no further business, motion was made by Bill Hasty to adjourn, seconded by David Abernethy.


Albert M. Yount, Secretary

March 25, 1991 8:30 A M Monday

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Monday, March 25, 1991 at 8:30 A.M. in the office of the board of elections. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve the minutes from previous meeting after a few minor corrections were made (misspelled words & deletion of words not needed). This motion was seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved.

The Board discussed the EMS Flier and newspaper articles that appeared in the Newton Observer on March 21st and 22nd.

Mr. Bill Hasty made the motion to subpoena Russell Burgess to a hearing.

This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved. The Board set April 12, 1991 in the Election Boards Office at 9:00 A. M .

The subject will be "questioning the formation of unregistered political committee and distribution of illegal flier.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the budget cuts that the county manager has requested for 1990-1991 and also 1991-1992 budget years. The supervisor presented her recommendations as budget manager, and advised the office would do the very best they could and would attach a note to the cuts that the operation of the Board of Elections is mandated by State Law and if the need be, the county would have to furnish.

It was unanimous by the members to submit the cuts as submitted to them and if possible the supervisor would cut where possible to give the 10% as requested in the 4th quarter of 1990-1991.

It was unanimous by the members to submit the cuts as submitted to them for the 10% cut as requested in the 1991-1992 year, and also to submit the cuts along with adding back the cut 1/2 time position that has been deleted.

There being no further business, Bill Hasty moved to adjourn, seconded by Albert Yount.



Albert M. Yount, Secretary

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Wednesday March 27, 1991 in the Lobby of the Siecor Building in Hickory. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert M. Yount.

Board member Albert Yount agreed at Wednesday's board meeting in the lobby of the Siecor building that the board has discharged their duty. "I certainly don't want a pound of flesh if they come in and do all their signing," said Yount. Mr. Abernethy said a post-filing probe would be "overkill." The two voted to drop the fledgling board investigation announced Monday. After forwarding a copy of the registration to the state board, Abernethy wrote in a press release Thursday, the county board "intends to take no further action on this matter." The subpoena to Burgess is effectively void, he said. Board member Bill Hasty expressed doubts about the SBI's investigation of the flier and did not vote.

Abernethy said he requested the report, but the board received only a verbal summary (not a written one, as reported in Monday's O-N-E.) "I don't know whether it is legal or proper for us to get that report," Abernethy said, "but if it is illegal or improper, I don't know why." Thomas told him the SBI's wants control over who sees its reports, Abernethy said.

Hasty called the probe "lousy!"

Based on the summary, Yount and Abernethy said they were satisfied with it. The agent "went through it line item by line item, date by date" and "tipped us off" that Thomas "would not have a lot of interest in it," Yount said. Asked directly, "Who are the flier suspects," Abernethy won't answer, citing the confidentiality of the SBI report.

But he did condemn the tactics of those behind the flier, and noted that "these people have been investigated and their names have finally come out into the public where they should have been to begin with."

Asked if the fact that the PAC's registration ends the board's planned investigation means that PAC members are flier suspects, Abernethy said, "You're free to draw what conclusions you like, and I suppose the public will as well."

Yount, however, named Burgess outright at Wednesday's meeting.

The conduction of fair and honest elections is our duty," he said. "People up in the mountains have been put in jail for doing what Russ Burgess has done. That's called electioneering and trying to influence an election."

Thomas' decision on prosecuting under the flier statute is "entirely his," Abernethy said, though "to my mind there is a very substantial question as to whether the flier statute has been violated."

The board's role in bringing about the PAC's registration, Yount said, "puts the word out that illegal election activities will not be tolerated in Catawba County."

Mr. Yount and Mr. Abernethy agreed in a motion to drop the investigation in regard to the flier. Vote was called. 2 ayes with Mr. Hasty abstaining.

Meeting adjourned.



Albert M Yount, Secretary

July 15, 1991 8:30 A M Monday

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Monday, July 15, 1991 at 8:30 A M in the office of the board of elections. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

The purpose of this meeting was to clear up old minutes and approve and place on file executive meeting minutes. Motion was made by David Abernethy that the minutes of the executive meeting of 2/19/91 be approved. This was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

Mr Abernethy moved the following remarks by him be added to the minutes of 2/22/91. His remarks are to the effect that a full time person for the office was approved. Each had second thoughts. Discussed the need with staff and other members and a 1/2 time person was approved. He stated they were not at the office full time, so had to rely on the supervisor for information. "In conclusion that the supervisor's action not be approved". This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty. Vote was 2 for and 1 against.

The Board met on March 27, 1991 at Siecor. The supervisor was advised to take the news article from O-N-E of the meeting for minutes and place in minute book. It was unanimous by all to add to the end of story, "that Mr. Yount and Mr. Abernethy agreed in a motion to drop the investigation in regard to the flier provided the PAC filing was made. Vote was 2 ayes with Mr. Hasty abstaining.

The minutes of March 25, 1991 were read. Motion was made by David Abernethy to approve as read. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

Mr. Hasty requested to make a statement in reference to the flier and read from a prepared statement. He requested it to be put in minutes of this meeting. Mr. Abernethy and Mr. Yount had no objections. It is as follows:

At our last meeting, statements were made by the Chairman and the Secretary with regards to dropping our investigation of the "Flyer Issue". I made no statement at that time because I felt it premature,

In the past General Election, we found two cases which clearly violated one or more election laws. In both cases concrete evidence that laws had been broken was presented to the District Attorney. Confessions of guilt were made in both cases.

In one case the most the election could have been affected was by one vote. The District Attorney prosecuted this case, won a conviction, levied a good-sized fine and probated sentences.

In the other case, hundreds of votes were illegally solicited with at least two election laws violated. The District Attorney did not prosecute this case, even though his evidence was equally as strong as in the first case. Also, as in the first mentioned case, he had a confession.

I feel that the people of Catawba County are asking the question: "Where is 'justice for all?' which we so piously claim in our Pledge of Allegiance."

I now claim that I did all I could as a member of the Catawba County Board of Elections to seek - "Justice for All".

Motion was made by David, seconded by Albert and unanimously approved that the precinct line between Precinct Viewmont 1 #36 and precinct Viewmont 2 #37 be moved at 2nd St. Pl NW to follow Center Street (or NC 127)

Motion was made by Bill Hasty, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved that the line between Oakwood #14 precinct and Oakland Heights #26 precinct be moved to follow 12th Ave NW connecting with Old Lenoir Road. These moves were to follow municipal ward lines effective 6/18/91 in City of Hickory because of Census Figures. The supervisor advised, the persons affected with this change have been written and letters ready to mail.

The Board discussed the new municipal wards and school district ward line changes done in City of Hickory and Administrative School Unit. Bill Hasty moved that Albert Yount draft a letter to the City of Hickory, "that it is not the Boards responsibility to notify the persons affected." Mr. Abernethy advised he would look into the statute of whose responsibility it was for notifying the persons. (This statute is G.S. 160-22 and 23)

Let the minutes show that Mr Abernethy appointed Loretta Brittain as Registrar in St. Stephens 2 #29 and Faye Bean as republican judge in Longview 3 #19 as recommended by Lynda DeHart.

Albert Yount shared with the Board about remarks made to him by Lewis Waddell in reference to the "Twins" trial. Mr. Abernethy informed the Board to what actually occurred in this matter.

Mr. Abernethy advised the Board members of the swearing in of the new board members on Tuesday, July 16, 1991 at 12 Noon. That Mr. Yount had a Dr's appointment in Winston-Salem at 10 A M. Mr. Abernethy advised what options the Board has. Bill Hasty made the motion that Albert Yount be sworn today, he and David Abernethy be sworn at 12 noon on July 16, 1991, meet and recess until Mr. Yount could be present for the organizational meeting. This was unanimous by all.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


Albert M. Yount

July 16, 1991 Tuesday 12:00 Noon

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met in the office of the board of elections on Tuesday, July 16, 1991 at 12:00 noon. Members present were David Abernethy, William Joseph Hasty and Albert M. Yount.

The minutes of the previously meeting were read. Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve as read. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

The purpose of this meeting was in accordance with N.C. G.S 163-31, that the newly appointed members of the Catawba County Board of Elections meet in the board office at 12:00 noon on July 16, 1991 to be sworn and organize for the 1991-1993 year. Mrs. Barbara M. Towery, Clerk of Superior Court administered the oath to David Abernethy and William Joseph Hasty. Albert M Yount was sworn by Mrs. Towery on July 15, 1991 due to a medical appointment this day.

Immediately after being sworn the three board members met to organize for the 1991-1993 years.

David Abernethy explained the organization, then asked for nominations for chairman. Bill Hasty nominated Bill Hasty. Albert Yount nominated David Abernethy. Mr. Hasty withdrew his nomination. David Abernethy seconded Mr. Yount's nomination. Mr. Hasty moved that the nominations be closed and Mr. Abernethy was unanimously elected as chairman.

Mr. Abernethy asked for nominations for secretary. Bill Hasty nominated Albert Yount. This nomination was seconded by David Abernethy and Mr. Yount was unanimously approved as secretary. Under G.S. 163-31, Albert Yount authorized the supervisor to keep, record and maintain the official minutes of the Board meetings as they occur except the executive meetings. Motion was made by Bill Hasty that the recording secretary get the draft of minutes to each member within 2 working days after their meetings, if they did not have a scheduled meeting within a week.(ex: if meet on Tuesday and going to meet the next Tuesday, don't need to mail to anybody). This was unanimous by all.

The supervisor advised the board members of the State Municipal Seminar to be held in Greensboro on August 29 and 30, 1991 and presented each with their room reservations.

The time for the Boards official meetings was discussed and it was unanimous that the Board would hold all their meetings at 8:15 A M for awhile to see if satisfactory. The supervisor was advised to up-date that policy.

David Abernethy advised the board of the meeting on August 20, 1991 that is mandated by law for the appointment of precinct officials and registration commissioners. The supervisor advised the Board that a current list of officials was being mailed to both party chairmen, requesting their recommendations along with a form to put them on. She advised them their recommendations shall be in this office by August 15, 1991. A copy of the Board's new policy was included. It states "that the official does not hold a party appointment". Mr. Abernethy also requested the chairmen be reminded "that if they want someone to work the fair, better have them get in and be qualified between August 20, 1991 and August 28, 1991".

David Abernethy discussed adopting a policy that if there are some officials not qualified and sworn within 30 days, it should automatically be called to the Boards attention for their action. No action taken on this.

Bill Hasty moved that the Board have no more than 6 weeks between every regular meeting. This will require a policy change. David Abernethy advised to do research on list of meetings. There was no second.

David Abernethy directed the supervisor to update the Board policy manual reflecting any changes and give each Board member a fresh copy.

Bill Hasty made the motion that the old policies of this Board remain in effect for such time as the next meeting when they will be up-dated, except where changed today. This was seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved.

No further business, meeting adjourned.



Secretary

July 19, 1991 Friday

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

Mr. David Abernethy advised a minute be made of conversations he had with each board member in regard to the resignation of Webster Lytle Alderman, Ward 4 for City of Hickory.

Mr. Abernethy conversed with Murray Tate, City Attorney for City of Hickory, State Board of Elections and Chas Hensey of the Attorney General's office. They all agreed that the election for Ward 4 will be November 5, 1991 for the un-expired term. The City Clerk for the City of Hickory was also advised. All three board members agreed with this ruling and will conduct the election accordingly.


Secretary

City Clerk

Tuesday, July 30, 1991 8:15 A. M.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met in the board room of the board of elections on Tuesday, July 30, 1991 at 8:15 A.M. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert M. Yount.

Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve the minutes of July 16th and 19th, 1991 as each member had copies prior to this meeting and there were no corrections or additions. This motion was seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the most recent census map as received from the Legislative Services Office in Raleigh. There were 2 precincts that had 2 house districts. The new redistricting done by the General Assembly was done by precincts. It was pointed out by Linwood Jones of the Legislative Services Office, that the Board had authority and may want to change the lines to follow the Tiger File on record with Census Department in Washington, D. C. The proposed changes were discussed thoroughly. Motion was made by Albert Yount to change the precinct line between St. Stephens 2 #29 and Sandy Ridge #30 to follow Kool Park Road connecting with Sandy Ridge Road to avoid having 2 house districts in St. Stephens 2 #29 precinct and also to change the precinct line between Balls Creek #1 and Maiden #20 to avoid having 2 house districts in Balls Creek #1 precinct. It moves the line from Newton-Caldwell township line south of pinch gut creek connecting with SR 1810. The northeast line goes southeast along SR #16 to SR 1810 (existing precinct line). This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Bill Hasty to draft a letter to the News Media about these changes. There being no second the motion died.

The move between Balls Creek #1 and Maiden #20 was discussed at length because the voters living in this area were written March 1, 1990 of their precinct and polling place change. Another letter will be mailed stating reason for this change. It will advise them the error was made at the State or National level and we regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Fair registration was discussed at length. Mr Abernethy advised he had devoted a lot of time to this matter. The Board of Elections has a lot of problems on election day when a person presents himself to vote and is not on the books and when questioned, "he registered at the Fair". David Abernethy made the motion that when special registration commissioners and precinct officials are sworn, they are to be reminded of the Board policy concerning deadline for turning in all registration cards (within 2 working days). They will be told that registrations done at the fair have been a chronic problem in the past and they are to be very careful to follow the policy in respect to fair registrations. We are directing anyone working to see that there is a list posted in the registration booths of all the people working there on any given night and the list will be turned in to the board of elections. The party chairmen will be advised of this policy and request their cooperation. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount. Question: Bill Hasty requested "who is responsible for turning in the list of fair registration booth officials"? Mr Abernethy's motion was amended to write each party chairman and request them to maintain and turn in the list for each day of the fair. If either party chairman refuses to do this, then the last one to turn out the lights at the registration booth is to be responsible. This amendment was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

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Whitaker
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The supervisor presented each member with a packet of all ratified bills pertaining to G.S. 163 as ratified in the 1991 general assembly. HB 752 Chapter 338 was discussed as it directly pertained to the Board members pay. Each member was given their membership card to the Board Members Association for 1991-1992.

There being no further business, Bill Hasty moved we adjourn.



Albert M. Yount, Secretary

Tuesday August 20, 1991 8:15 A.M.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, August 20, 1991 at 8:15 A.M. in the office of the board of elections. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

Motion was made by David Abernethy to approve the minutes as submitted to each member prior this meeting. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

The purpose of this meeting was to appoint precinct officials, registration commissioners and special library deputies for 1991-1993 as set out in the general statute.

Each recommendation was reviewed. The recommendation for East Newton #10 registrar was discussed as he was observed voting at a recent republican executive meeting. A letter will be sent to Mr. Ted Reitzel with a copy to the chairman of the Republican party stating "in view of the fact the Board has information that Mr. Reitzel acted in his capacity as a party official at a republican executive meeting very recently, that the Board feels it is incumbent on the Board to get a letter from the party chairman or secretary stating he does not hold any other offices before he will be allowed to take the oath".

Motion was made by David Abernethy to approve all precinct recommendations, special library deputies and registration commissioners with the exception of Mr. Reitzel and to approve Mr. Reitzel provided he give the Board office that letter from the Party "saying he no longer holds or exercises any of these offices. This was unanimous by all board members.

In addition to the registration commissioners already approved, David Abernethy moved to appoint the City Clerk in Brookford and the City Clerk in Town of Maiden as registration commissioners as requested. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved. Motion was made by David Abernethy to also appoint Marie Huffman and Pamela Hasty as registration commissioners as recommended by the Republican Party Chairman. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

The 1991-1993 precinct officials, registration commissioners and special library deputies are as follows:

Town of Brookford:	Lori Moses	Town of Maiden:	Doris Bumgarner
City of Hickory:	Margaret Baucom and Barbara Barger		

Special Library Registration Deputies:

Catawba County Library:	Janet Lynn Furr, Bobbie Green, Lynne McRee and Betty Stinson
Sherrills Ford Branch:	Madge Beatty
St. Stephens Branch:	Debbie Moser and Shirley Sipe

Elbert Ivey Memorial Library:	Carolyn Brown, Genita Carson, Mary Dawson, Janie Deal, Sarah Hefner, Naomi Killian, Robert (Bob) Russell and Jean Townsend
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Precinct officials:

Precinct	Registrar	Republican Judge	Democrat Judge
#1 Balls Creek	Jill E. Caldwell	Nell C. Drum	Johnny Hager
#2 Banoak	Joe H. Wyant	Larry V Rhoney	G Alan Lutz
#3 Blackburn	Scott Whisnant	Chad W Bumgarner	Evelyn Jarrett
#4 Brookford	Gaither Hefner	Lillian Stepp	Sue Griffin
#5 Catawba	Cecil G. Schronce	Annie L Gantt	Janey Woods
#6 Claremont		Ben T Miller Sr	Elizabeth W Connor
#7 Conover West	Elmer Lint	Mabel S Hefner	Peggy Herman Smith
#8 Conover East	Nancy Pannell	Sherri K Isenhower	James W Simpson
#9 E Maiden	Aundria Jones	Roger S Williams	Mary Ellen C Richard
#10 E Newton	Ted Reitzel	Richard A Fish	Corane H Clark
#11 College Park	Martha Karslake	Laura Sanders	Addie S Hall
#12 Kenwoth	Elaine Dula Seaver		Iris B Patterson
#13 Greenmont	Clarence G Howard	Dorothy Hawkins	Woodrow P Barger
#14 Oakwood	Kathleen H Boliek	Evelyn Whitener	
#15 Ridgeview			Bonnie J. Rice
#16 Highland		Irene Manning	Hugh E (Bill) Hunt
#17 Longview 1		Margie Barton	Virgie C Dale
#18 Longview 2	Mildred Dietz		Eva T Ervin
#19 Longview 3	Dorcas Holland	Faye Bean	Ethel D Dale
#20 Maiden		Ruby Sigmon	Raydell F McRee
#21 Monogram			Jacquelyn S Campbell
#22 Mt OLIVE		Vernon B Setzer	Doris W Blackburn
#23 Mtn View 1	Myra Myers		Hilda Clay Taylor
#24 Mtn View 2	Jean T Pitts	Sue S Miller	Virginia Huffman
#25 N Newton			Mary Jean Griffin
#26 Oakland Hgts	Johnson H Linney	Dorothy P Ramseur	Frances T Wheeler
#27 Oxford	Roger D Brown		Margaret M James
#28 St Stephens 1	Joan Long	Edna Huffman	Emory M Carpenter
#29 St Stephens 2	Loretta L Brittain		
#30 Sandy Ridge	Gary Teague	Rachel Tucker	Willa Dean Adcock
#31 Sherrills Ford	Clyde G Sigmon	William Lee Sigmon Jr	Samuel L White
#32 S Newton	Barbara Isaac	Ruby Cook	Gladys Sigmon Setzer
#33 Springs	Patricia M Hollar	Ira Cline	Florence P Lail
#34 Startown	Kenneth Danner	Barbara Lael	Peggy C Sigmon
#35 Sweetwater	Sandra M Isenhour	Ann Lutz	Frankie C Caldwell
#36 Viewmont 1	Elbert C Swink	Melissa R Whisnant	
#37 Viewmont 2	Thurman C Whisnant	Lois V Bigsby	Herbert C Seabock
#38 Viewmont 3	Harold A Eckard	W H Worley	Evelyn Walz
#39 W Newton	Milicent Rowe	Blanche Ikerd	Jack G. Gabriel

Registration Commissioners

Betty T Anthony	D	Ester Balatow	R	Marie H Huffman	R
Janet Byrd	D	Betty Canupp	R	Dan Hall	R
Drucella T Coulter	D	Barbara W Clemons	R	Betty B Ikerd	R
Anne Gilbert	D	Harold G Craddock	R	Rachel B Justice	R
Daniel R Green Jr	D	Charlotte Craig	R	Lois Kanupp	R
Jean P. Hinson	D	Barbara Crump	R	Linda P Kiziah	R
Harry L Hipps	D	Christine F Dunlap	R	Susan Hughes	R
Joyce G. Jarrett	D	Jeanne M Davidson	R	Wanda Leek	R
H. Gene Johnson	D	Woodie DeVier	R	Wanda H Mode	R
Kenyon H Kelly	D	Von Dunegan	R	Patricia M Moss	R
Mark L. Killian	D	Susan Harwell	R	Jean Parker	R
Margaret Ann Pope	D	Pamela P. Hasty	R	Carol H Preston	R
Barbara H Thomas	D	Joe M Hatley	R	Nell Thomas	R
Dorothy S York	D	Rebecca Helms	R	Karolyn A Thornton	R
Mildred S Yount	D	Vickie S Hester	R	Leisa L Towery	R
				Rockey E Towery	R

Hazel Murray	R	Tony Martin	R	Terry Welch	R
Leslie King McDade	R	Nancy Jo Teague	R	Ramona Wilkinson	R
Kay Schmucker	R	Amanda Welch	R	C Grady Abernathy	R

In other business: The ballot facsimiles for the City of Hickory October Municipal Primary and the November general elections, were presented to the Board for their review and approval. Each was discussed. Motion was made by Albert Yount to approve the City of Hickory Primary ballots for Ward 3 and Ward 4 for printing. This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty and unanimously approved. The November ballot facsimiles will be acted on at the Boards next meeting. David Abernethy made the motion that an additional space be provided for the write-in's on the November ballots. This was unanimous by all members. Albert Yount questioned the Conover ballot for the November 1991 election with regard to a candidate using "Chief" as a nickname.

Mr. Hasty feels the Board should review ballot facsimiles before Mr. Brock at the State Board reviews them. After discussion, it was decided ~~this request will be taken on a case by case.~~ *THE BOARD WILL REVIEW ALL BALLOTS BEFORE THEY ARE SENT TO THE STATE BOARD.*

The legal ads for the precinct change between St. Stephens 2 and Sandy Ridge #30 were presented, and the question asked "was it necessary to publish the legal ad that divided St. Stephens 2 #29 and Springs #30 going along 33rd St from Kool Park Road to Sandy Ridge Road, since the line was changed again on 7/30/91 to avoid having 2 house districts in one precinct". It was agreed by all that the most recent change be the legal ad. The Board reviewed the change again between Balls Creek #1 and Maiden #20. The resolution and legal ad was unanimously approved for the same reason.

The Newton annexation was discussed and the map reviewed. David Abernethy moved to instruct the staff to start making the list of who would be affected by this annexation and start thinking of possible alternatives. The supervisor was advised to design an alternate ballot and get it approved. Albert Yount personally requested the chairman to gather all the legal information he could and report to the Board.

PTV voting was discussed for this fall. It was decided to ~~do it the regular way~~ *CONDUCT ALL PTV VOTING* ~~for the~~ November 1991 election* Mr. Abernethy expressed to the Board, the need to be real careful with the November election due to municipal ward, school ward and precinct changes.

Mr. Abernethy mentioned to the Board about updating the Boards policy pertaining to copies of the poll book as a new law effective 1/1/1992 pertaining to observers G.S. 163-45 has been re-written.

Motion was made by David Abernethy to write those persons registered in Conover West #7 that live in the City of Hickory, Ward 3, to go to Sweetwater #35 precinct to vote in the October Primary. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved. (There are 7 registered voters).

The supervisor advised the Board that she and the deputy were planning to have some night classes to swear in and instruct precinct officials. The dates are 8/27/91, 9/5/91 and 9/9/91, but the appointed officials may come in to the office at their convenience and would like to have all done by 9/10/91. (The 8/27/91 date is to qualify those planning to do fair registrations).

* AT THE BOARD'S OFFICE IN NEWTON.

Comments by David Abernethy:

With respect to the people that the parties have not filled today, we have the municipal and school district elections in October and November 1991. We have to have these 3 persons to work the precinct. The supervisor was advised to contact both party chairmen at least by phone to inform them of the up-coming election dates. The chairman wants to see which precincts have vacancies at the next meeting, so the Board can start thinking of filling them.

The fall instructional meeting is tentatively set for 9/24/91.

In other business, Mr. Hasty questioned the minute keeping. He was not satisfied. He wanted the Board to examine whether they wanted to continue doing what we have been doing in the past, in regard to counting ballots in preparation for an election. The supervisor was requested by the chairman to give them a detail forecast of what she planned to do concerning quality check of the ballots and how much time in term of hours to do this.

Mr. Hasty asked "if he was hearing disapproval of him bringing his tape recorder and recording the board meetings". Mr. Abernethy remarked "he did not have a problem with it, it is a public meeting, but he would have to be more careful of what he says, but won't mind doing it." Bill Hasty stated he wanted to tape each meeting. Albert Yount asked Bill Hasty "if he wanted to be Secretary", his reply was "No Sir".

No motion or vote taken.

David Abernethy moved we adjourn, seconded by Bill Hasty.



Albert Yount, Secretary

Tuesday, September 10, 1991 8:15 A M

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, September 10, 1991 at 8:15 A M in the office of the board of elections. Members present were David Abernethy and Bill Hasty. Albert Yount asked to be excused.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved after an error in the 6th paragraph was corrected to read "Mr. Hasty did not vote".

From the Boards information, Mrs. Pam Hasty, Mrs. Mildred Yount, Mrs. Nell Thomas and Terry Welch are not eligible to be registration commissioners as they are precinct chairmen.

Motion was made by David Abernethy to appoint the following as recommended by Lynda DeHart, chairman of the Catawba County Republican Party:

Nadine Waters, Registrar in Monogram #21, Cheryl Wilson as Republican Judge in Monogram #21, Beverly Marlow as Republican Judge in Oakland Heights #26, Penny Carpenter as Republican Judge in Oxford #27, Phyllis Herman as Registrar in S Newton #32, Joyce McGhinnis as Republican Judge in St Stephens 2 #29 precincts and to appoint the following as recommended by John Cilley, chairman of the Catawba County Democratic Party:

Marjorie T Bluebaugh as Democratic Judge in Oakwood #14, Norman W Elliott as Democratic Judge in St Stephens 2 #29, Margie Hoke Fisher as Democratic Judge in Viewmont 1 #36 precincts and Registration Commissioners, Tammy Anderson, Cynthia K Grindstaff, Sherbia Jones, Alice Davis, Edward G. Fuller and Robin K. Hartman.

This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve some registrations done at the Libraries before the Special Library Deputies could get re-sworn, and 1 registration done by a Judge just before being qualified. This was seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved. SO ORDERED.

David Abernethy expressed his concern for the vacancies in the precinct officials. Mr. Abernethy made the motion that the staff start thinking about persons who have served in the past who might be eligible to fill these slots for the Board to consider because some precincts have an October election. This was seconded by Bill Hasty and unanimously approved

The purpose of this meeting was to review absentee applications.

Motion was made by David Abernethy to approve A-1. This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty and unanimously approved.

The Board reviewed the municipal and school district facsimile ballots of Brookford, Claremont, Conover, Maiden, Newton, Newton/Conover School District and Hickory School Wards 4, 6 and At Large. Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve them for printing. This motion was seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved.

The November City of Hickory ballot facsimile was presented and requested to be allowed to take the ballot to the printer to be type set subject to the October Primary. It was agreed by both members to mail the ballot facsimile to Mr. Murray Tate, Attorney for the City of Hickory and to the State Board, and to call Mr. Tate's office and advise him of same, and it could be taken to the printer.

It was unanimous to write the two voters living in the City of Hickory that votes in Mtn. View 2 #24 precinct to vote at the Brookford precinct for the October and November 1991 municipal elections, SO ORDERED.

Mr. Hasty is acting Secretary in absence of Mr. Yount. The rough draft of minutes will go to him and he will advise the supervisor to type for the minute book.

Mr. Abernethy requested information on the instructional booklet that Johnnie McLean was to mail. He was advised that "she was contacted and it would be mailed." It has not been received. The supervisor advised "she thought it was similar to what has been given to our precinct officials in the past".
 Each board member will be furnished this flip chart as none of the Board members present have seen it. Mr. Abernethy requested to review anything being given to precinct officials before the instructional meeting.

Other Business:

HB 14 Open Meetings Law was discussed. It was decided that this would be discussed with the full board and to be on the agenda at next meeting.

The Duties of the Supervisor were discussed, not item by item. This also was agreed to discuss with full Board.

Motion was made by Bill Hasty that it be part of the duties of the Supervisor to see that any new Board member, as soon as possible, within 2 weeks, of coming on the Board, be given all the instructions that pertain to their job. This motion was amended by David Abernethy to; 1 - to furnish them a copy of the Institute of Government duties of Board Members; 2 - to furnish a copy of the Supervisors duties; and 3 - a copy of the policies of the Board. This was unanimous. SO ORDERED. This to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Bill Hasty was concerned about the cost of the municipal elections. The procedure was explained.

David Abernethy asked "where do we stand on the work load"?
 It was explained by the supervisor that the Hickory City Ward lines had been keyed, all cards not marked. Almost all school ward changes are keyed, the cards not marked. Mr. Abernethy asked about the City of Newton's annexation of where we stand. It was explained that nothing had been done by the City of Newton, as it is on a "stay". All precinct line changes have been done and letters written except for the line between Maiden #20 and Balls Creek along Highway #16. The supervisor advised, we are almost ready for the October and November elections. Plan to have the part time help in to help make the card changes.

It was agreed by members present to review the City contracts with the County and Board of Elections. This will be done with a full Board.

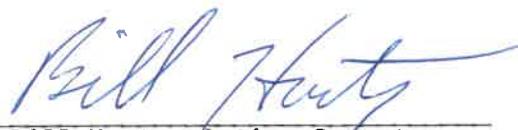
Mr. Abernethy requested of the supervisor "how much time in terms of hours is it going to take to proof all the ballots and what was her plan for checking the ballots. It was explained that the ballot facsimile will go to the printer. The deputy and supervisor will proof word for word. When ballots are received, they will be checked for ink smears and blank cards. The ballots will be counted in some 25's, 50's, 100's and the rest in stacks of 200. The ballots come from the printer in stacks of 200. We count the 1st 100 and then measure. In order to give the precincts the required number for the registered voters listed on their inventory for their precinct. We furnish the precincts 80% of total registration. She said "if you wish me to count the 25's, 50's and 100's and wrap and mark the balance as the law requires, that is fine. I have no problem with that.

The supervisor was asked "how many hours would it take to do the ballot check as currently planned".? She explained about 1-1/2 hours for the October election and approximately 2 days for the November election as it is done between customers and we have approximately 60 officials to be qualified .

The Newton annexation was again discussed. This will be discussed with the full Board and the Newton City Attorney. It is prudent to get this list in order, but not instructing the staff to do anything now.

The move of the Board of Elections voting equipment stored in the basement was discussed briefly. Mr. Abernethy had talked with Jim Kier, Planning Director. Mr. Kier brought a sketch for the board to review.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Hasty, Acting Secretary

Tuesday, September 24, 1991 8:15 A M

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, September 24, 1991 at 8:15 A M in the office of the board of elections. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve the minutes of previous meeting as each had copies prior this meeting. (It was pointed out that in item 2 of things to be furnished each board member, the word "supervisor" be changed to "board members"). This motion was seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved.

It was unanimous to approve A-1 absentee application (City of Newton) for the November 5, 1991 election.

The vacancies in precinct officials were discussed and motion was made by David Abernethy to appoint the following: Elaine Witherspoon, Registrar in Ridgeview #15; Alan Dula, Republican Judge in Ridgeview #15; Hugh (Bill) Hunt, Registrar in Highland #16; Eugene Ferber, Registrar in Longview 1 #17; Barbara Crump as Republican Judge in Longview 2 #18; Glenn Sigmon, Registrar in Maiden, #20; Lorena Johnson, Registrar in Mt. Olive #22; Billy Ray Cook, Registrar in N Newton #25, and Harold Johnson Republican Judge in N Newton #25. This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty and unanimously approved.

The taking of returns on October 8, 1991 and November 5, 1991 was discussed. It was unanimous that the returns would be taken in the Board office and posted on a large Tally Sheet in the conference room on the 1st floor of the Government Center. If a spill over crowd, could move to the meeting room on 2nd floor. It was decided to explore moving election central to one or two of the courtrooms in the Justice Center or the Superior Court Room in the 1924 Courthouse, and to ask Ray Lemmond from MIC to be at the Boards next meeting to explain the cost factor for either move.

Notifying Board members of scheduled meetings for review of absentee applications was discussed. Motion was made by Bill Hasty that if the Board had business, they be notified by 1 P M the day before scheduled meeting, except in the case of an emergency or the last day absentee applications can be received will be an exception to the rule. It was unanimous to follow this procedure until it is discussed otherwise, and for the term of these Board members only.

The Board discussed whether all staff time should be charged to City of Hickory for changing of their ward lines, or whether only the over-time or parttime expenses should be charged. Motion was made by Albert Yount that we bill the City of Hickory for all cost incurred by the Board members and the staff in the administrative process of changing the ward lines in the City, and further moved that the County Finance Director be contacted as to his opinion on whether we bill at the hourly rate paid by the County for the employees or should all direct or indirect cost be added to it and ask the County Finance Director to identify what cost he thinks proper. Bill Hasty added a friendly amendment that this motion cover all like subjects within the county, annexations, etc. This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty. Discussion was called. Vote call: 2 ayes. David Abernethy abstained since he felt it would be better to get the County Manager's opinion first. Motion carried.

Bill Hasty
David Abernethy
Albert Yount

David Abernethy questioned the supervisor as to where we stand on all ward changes. He was advised all municipal lines are changed, have 2 or 3 precincts where the school ward changes need changed on registration card, and will be done before election.

David Abernethy requested information as to when the new maps are to be received. He was advised the ship date is October 3, 1991. He suggested each precinct holding a primary have a map of their precinct in their possession. The supervisor presented individual blow up of maps that will be in each precinct for the primary and election where there has been a change, whether municipal or school ward.

The use of the tabulators in certain precincts for the October and November 1991 elections was discussed as some precincts have asked. This was discussed thoroughly and it was decided in some precincts you can hand count faster than turning the tabulator key 4 times. In the discussion, it was stated "the tabulators are there for the convenience of precinct officials and if they don't want them, it was thought to go along with them. Mr. Abernethy thought the Board should base their decision on how many turned out in the last municipal election. Mr. Hasty thought if a precinct voted 50 the last municipal election, give the official the option. Motion was made by David Abernethy for the supervisor to check the records of the last municipal election, where there are no precinct or ward changes that would substantially affect that, tell the Registrar unless they have a particular objection, they will be given the traditional ballot box. This motion was unanimously approved. (In the contested races for Kenworth #12 precinct and Ridgeview #15 precinct, the tabulators will be used.)

The supervisor was advised to put information in the supply boxes for the Registrars that the Registrar is to call the results of the election into Election Central as soon as they finish the count. Also to call the office early in the day to assure us that the phones are working.

The chairman requested the supervisor to contact Mrs. DeHart and tell her that Kenworth precinct #12 is the critical precinct right now and if she would please focus her attention or those of her associates, on that precinct, it would be appreciated by the Board.

David Abernethy discussed with the Board members of a committee meeting which he is co-chairman for this District. A meeting is planned for January, and wished to know if day or night is acceptable. Motion was made by Bill Hasty that David Abernethy attend the meeting and report to them.

A letter was presented to the Board that was addressed to the Supervisor and Chairman marked Personal/confidential from a candidate of the School Ward At Large in City of Hickory Administrative School Unit. David Abernethy made motion that a candidate has sent a broadside complaint of which is totally unspecified and list no facts which are specific to this County, this Board or this Election, and therefore it be appropriately filed by the supervisor, that there is no question presented for this Board to take action on, that the supervisor advise the author of this letter in writing. Also advise her that the Board will not and cannot keep communication to this Board about matters such as this private, unless it is under investigation, because under state law, our records are public. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

The storage of our voting equipment was discussed. The supervisor advised that the machines would not be stacked, but she still feels that there is not adequate room for all the equipment, or for logic testing as well as re-counts. Bill Hasty moved that the supervisor get the move worked out and the Board take no further action. David Abernethy requested that the supervisor keep the Board informed of the progress and if there is any problem with it, let them know. He wants to make sure there is a wall between the exercise room and the voting equipment so persons cannot wander among the voting records. He did not want unauthorized people in our area. We are required to keep ballots from past elections secured. Mr. Abernethy stated to inform Jim Kier, planning director for the county, "that our area is to be secured by State Law and this Board has to insist on it". They may have to put up walls and if can't get satisfaction will go to the County Commissioners.

It was unanimous by all members to ask Larry Pitts, City Attorney for City of Newton be at the Boards meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 1991 at 9 A. M. to go over the westside annexation that is now in court.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Albert Yount, Secretary

Monday, October 1, 1991 8:15 A M

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Board of Elections meeting was called to order by Chairman David Abernethy. Attending the meeting were David Abernethy, Albert Yount and Bill Hasty. Previous meeting minutes were approved and signed. Unanimous Board vote approved the following precinct officials:

Ann Carpenter, Registrar for Claremont #6 precinct; Lois Bollinger, Republican Judge in Highland #16, Winnie Mitchell, Democrat Judge in Highland #16; and Pat Z Wilkins, Republican Judge in Kenworth #12 precinct.

Ray Lemmond of County Government made a presentation regarding alternative locations to the Government Center for taking returns on election nights. The Board approved David Abernethy's motion (Bill Hasty seconded) to keep return taking in the Government Center through the November 1991 election (with modifications). Mr. Lemmond was requested to present specific cost estimates towards moving the return operation to the Justice Center at a later date. The supervisor was asked to contact the City of Newton relative to the possibility of taking returns in the Gantt Community Room in the Newton City Hall.

The Board heard from Larry Pitts, Attorney for the City of Newton relative to the current status of the City of Newton's annexation of the area around the Startown Community. Mr. Pitts outlined several possible avenues the State Supreme Court could possibly take concerning this issue. After considerable time was spent with Mr. Pitts, the Board directed the Supervisor to begin the process of preparing a list of eligible voters in the area that Newton proposes to annex. This direction was in the form of David Abernethy's motion with second by Albert Yount. The vote carried. The supervisor was further directed by this motion to order different color ballots for possible use if the newly annexed area voters gain the vote for the November 1991 election. This is being done in order to sequester those voter's votes in the possible event they are given the vote and a later Court test takes their right to participate in the Newton Municipal election away.

The Supervisor relayed that Michael Talbert, County Finance Director has conferred with the Staff Attorney and stated that "it is legal by statute and contract to bill cities and towns, where the local Board conducts elections, for all expenses occurred to conduct their elections. The Board asked for the direct and indirect costs per Board employee and will address this matter at a later date.

Mr. Hasty addressed the situation wherein he believed the Supervisor had gone to the Board office on a Saturday in violation of previous motions contained in previous Board minutes. He questioned the Supervisor about this situation. The Supervisor replied that she had gone to the post office on a Saturday and found the information that Mr. Hasty had asked for. She thought he wanted the information before the next Board meeting and that she did go to the Board office on a Saturday and made a copy of what he wanted and mailed it to him that day. Mr. Abernethy asked Mr. Yount "if he had anything to say about this matter". Mr. Yount replied that he had nothing to say except he questioned whether or not minutes continued forever. Mr. Hasty informed Mr. Yount that they did.* Mr. Abernethy told Mr. Hasty that he believed the Supervisor was merely trying to be of good service to Mr. Hasty and that Mr. Hasty's complaint was trivia. Mr. Hasty expressed satisfaction with Mr. Abernethy's address of the situation. The Board decided to set policy that the staff not work alone in the Board office after the normal Board working hours. Each staff member is to have a person of different political party present with them in the office when that staff person works after normal Board working hours. This policy is to be recorded as Official Board policy and is to apply to all Board of Election staff members.

* unless some future Board changed the Policy.

The Board Policy will be added to the policy book and it is as follows:

Board Policy

The Catawba County Board of Elections adopts a policy that any time the staff is working other than normal business hours, there shall be staff members of opposite parties present.

There being no other business, Bill Hasty moved to adjourn, seconded by Albert Yount.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Albert M. Yount".

Albert M Yount, Secretary

Monday, October 7, 1991 5:00 P M

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Monday, October 1, 1991 at 5:00 P M (1st day before election) (No meeting on 10/2/91, 6th day before election as nothing to meet about). Members present David Abernethy, Bill Hasty, and Albert M Yount.

Minutes of previous meeting were given each Board member. Motion was made by David Abernethy to approve as submitted after re-wording a sentence in paragraph 6, it to read "unless some future Board changed the policy". This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty and unanimously approved.

The purpose of this meeting was to review absentee applications. Motion was made by David Abernethy to approve the following: A/B-1, A/B-3 (Hickory, A-2, A-3, A-4, B-1 and B-2 (Newton). This motion was seconded by Bill and unanimously approved.

The chairman requested the supervisor to contact Ray Lemmond to check the Grand Jury Room as an alternative for Election Central.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Albert M. Yount, Secretary

Tuesday, October 8, 1991 6:00 A M

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections staff were on duty in the office of the board of elections on Tuesday, October 8, 1991 at 6:00 A. M. Members were on call for the October 8, 1991 City of Hickory Primary.

October 8, 1991 5:00 P M

The members of the Catawba County Board of Elections met in the board room of the board of elections at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of counting absentee ballots. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

The absentee voters names had been entered into the Absentee Poll Book by the supervisor and checked by the members and signed by each member.

There were 3 absentee ballots counted with the results as follows:

MW 3	Absentee votes	MW 4	Absentee votes
Everett (Tim) Eckard	2	A O Carmichael Jr	-0-
Larson H Moore	-0-	Z Ann Hoyle	-0-
Hugh D. Reitzel	-0-	Larry G. Pope	1

Other Business:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve. Seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

Mr. Hasty reported that he had delivered the absentee list to Highland #16 precinct and also visited Kenworth #12, Ridgeview #15 and Sweetwater #35 pcts.

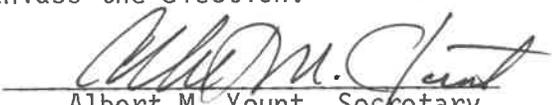
Motion was made by David Abernethy to approve the following absentee application and container envelope: OS - 1 (Newton) This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved..

There being no further business at this time, motion was made by Mr Hasty to recess to reconvene in the office of the board of elections at 7:30 P m to receive the returns from the 7 precincts for the City of Hickory in this Primary Election.

October 8, 1991 7:30 P M

The Catawba County Board of Elections members, David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount reconvened in the board office to receive the returns from the 7 precincts. There were no PTV votes. The results were reported by phone from the registrars and recorded on tally board in Conference Room 1st floor of the Government Center. Receiving returns were Carolyn Huffman, Wanda Mode and Joyce Rudisill, The unofficial returns were completed at 8:10 P. M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to meet Thursday, October 10, 1991 at 11:00 o'clock to canvass the election.



Albert M. Yount, Secretary

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Thursday, October 10, 1991 at 11 A M in the board room of the board of elections to canvass the votes of the October 8, 1991 Primary Election in Ward 3 and 4 for the City of Hickory. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve. The chairman asked if there were any corrections, there being none, the Board approved them.

The purpose of this meeting was to canvass the October 8, 1991 Primary Election. Each return envelope was opened by the chairman, and each abstract checked by Bill Hasty, Albert Yount and Joyce Rudisill, as they had been filled in by staff. Mr. Abernethy reported to the Board of a statement made in his presence by the Registrar of Kenworth #12 precinct, that there may be 2 votes given Mr. Moore in Ward 3 that should not have been. The registrar stated that the two were taken from the outstack and the voters intent was clear, that the voters lived in Ward 4 but wrote in candidates from Ward 3. It was unanimous by Board members under G. S. 163-171 (with written order) to open Kenworth #12 precinct ballot box and check the outstack. David Abernethy moved that the two (2) from the outstack be disallowed and go with the machine count only. This was unanimous. Mr. Abernethy advised the supervisor to at least phone the Registrar and advise her that the two (2) returns were not identical as the un-read ballot count was only listed on one return. They are to be identical.

David Abernethy moved to certify the Primary Election that the nominees in Ward 3 are Everett (Tim) Eckard and Larson Moore. The nominees in Ward 4 are A. O. Carmichael, Jr. and Z. Ann Hoyle. These names will be on the November 5, 1991 general election ballot for the City of Hickory. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

The official results of the canvass stands as follows with absentee votes included in the totals: (There were no PTV)

WARD 3		Votes	WARD 4		Votes
Everett (Tim) Eckard		59	A. O. Carmichael, Jr		138
Larson H. Moore		73	Z. Ann Hoyle		187
Hugh D Reitzel		6	Larry G. Pope		51

Total Registered voters 3481 Total voters 516 voted. 0.16 %

The facsimile for the City of Hickory General Election Ballot was again reviewed by each Board member. It was approved for printing.

The supervisor presented a voter registration card to the Board because the voter was registered on 10/7/91 and won't be 18 until 10/20/91 (after books close) and no primary is involved. She asked for guidance in whether he should be eligible and put on the books, or was he one that became eligible after books closed and he could register and vote on election day. Mr. Abernethy o'k'd, and it was unanimous that he be put on the books and eligible for 11/5/91 city election in Maiden.

David Abernethy brought before the Board a conversation he had with Mr. Larry Pitts, Attorney for the City of Newton just prior this meeting concerning the City of Newton's Westside Annexation. Mr. Pitts had received in the mail from the Supreme Court of N.C. the order denying the appeal for lack of substantial constitutional question, etc. He also informed Mr Abernethy that the order stated "this had been done in conference by the Supreme Court on October 2, 1991.

Mr. Abernethy advised the members there are several statutes that apply, one is G.S. 160-A-50. Mr. Abernethy reads it to say "the date of final judgement of the appellate division is the effective date of the annexation and that is pursuant to 160-A-50(i) and referred the Board to G.S. 163-288.1 that sets out when annexations occur the city furnishes us a Map, each voter is notified by mail and the city pays for it. The Board may use either of the methods set out in G.S. 163-288.2. It appeared to Mr. Abernethy that the only way we can do it is G.S. 163-288.1 and that is to notify the people by mail. Mr. Abernethy read from the notice received from the City of Newton in reference to the annexation and it stated: Motion to dismiss the appeal is allowed. The order of this Court in Conference this 2nd day of October, 1991. Petition for discretionary review is denied by order of the Court in conference, this 2nd day of October, 1991. (A copy is on file in this office). Mr. Abernethy stated "in his view, October 2, 1991 is the day of final judgement". As far as he was concerned the voters in the affected area are in". It was discussed that the plaintiffs could file a motion for the Supreme Court to reconsider what they have done and for the Supreme Court to grant that.

Mr. David Abernethy moved that the Board notify all the voters by mail pursuant to G.S. 163-288.1 that their voter registration had been activated to put them in the City of Newton, and the Board finds it a fact that the map which is called for in G.S. 163-288.1 has been delivered to the Board by the City of Newton. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved. Mr. Bill Hasty suggested that the Board notify the City Attorney what we are doing. The other members had no problem with doing that.

The supervisor requested guidance in activating the affected registered voters. She wanted to know if she should change the voters in the computer as had been advised before, not to, just get ready.

She was advised to change all the registered voters in the affected area in the computer. She was also advised to have 2 copies of the affected areas, mark those, enter into the computer, but wait to high lite the official precinct registration book to be used in precincts until closer to election and to advise the Startown Elementary School that we will have an election on 11/5/91.

The Board decided to put out a Press Release to the effect that the annexed registered voters will be allowed to vote on 11/5/91. It to read: The Catawba County Board of Elections has this day received a copy of the Supreme Court of N.C.'s ruling upholding the City of Newton's Westside Annexation, therefore; The Catawba County Board of Elections is acting to notify each affected voter by mail pursuant to State Statute G.S. 163-288.1 that they are entitled to vote in the City of Newton's Municipal Election on 11/5/91.

David Abernethy shared with the Board Members that he had talked with the County Manager, Mr. Lundy, about moving of Election Central to the Grand Jury Room in the Justice Center and the cost involved. Mr. Lundy advised him the \$3,000.00 would be made available if necessary. Mr. Abernethy had also talked with Ray Lemmond of the MIC and informed him "we want to take returns in November in the Grand Jury Assembly Room at the Justice Center." Storage of the TV Monitors could be stored in the witness waiting room. The grand jury room will be used for the press.

Old Business: Mr. Hasty wanted to discuss HB 14 that concerns the "Open Meetings Law", as it speaks of keeping complete and accurate minutes of meetings. This was discussed as what was the definition of "complete and accurate minutes". Motion was made by Bill Hasty that we keep a tape and do the gist in written form as now doing as the official record, with how long the tapes are kept be left open. Discussion was called. Mr. Abernethy advised that the official minutes are what is in the minute book. Mr. Yount asked Mr. Hasty, if the tapes of the minutes, if adopted, would we keep the tapes in perpetuity? Mr. Yount said "had been his experience, the English speaking world had adopted the practice of writing down every event that had occurred and kept that as a record". Mr. Yount further inquired of Mr. Hasty, how, 10 years hence, some-one could play a tape that may have deteriorated, and also, asked Mr. Hasty, how it would be proven that is what Mr. Yount or anyone else may have said. He further asked, if both party chairmen would receive this tape". Mr. Abernethy asked for a second to the motion on the floor. There being none, the motion dies.

It was stated, "this does not affect the practice of taping the minutes for the minute book, and keeping them only until the minutes are approved."

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.



Albert M. Yount, Secretary

Friday, October 18, 1991 8:15 A M

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Friday, October 18, 1991 at 8:15 a.m. in the office of the board of elections. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been mailed each member prior this meeting. Chairman Abernethy asked "if there were any corrections", there being none, he stated "they stand approved".

The purpose of this meeting was to review absentee applications and container envelopes. Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve the following:

A-5, A-6, A-7, A-8, B-3, B-4, A/B-2, A/B-3, OS-1 through OS-5. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ray Lemmond of the Catawba County MIC came before the Board to advise the Board of progress being done in reference to wiring in preparation of moving Election Central to the Justice Center.

It was unanimous by all Board members to appoint Patti Semevog as Registration Commissioner as recommended by Lynda DeHart, chairman of the Catawba County Republican Party.

The supervisor presented a precinct transfer to the Board for consideration. Ricky Bollinger, applicant, presented himself to the Elbert Ivy Library deputies and asked to do a precinct transfer. This was done, but he was not a registered voter in Catawba County, thus needing to register. It was unanimous to allow him to come into the office and register and be eligible for the upcoming election.

The Westside (Startown) annexation was again discussed. Mr. Abernethy had drawn up additional instructions for the precinct officials involved in the westside annexation. The other two members read them and Mr. Abernethy requested the staff review them also.

Mr. Yount asked to go on record, that he is opposing any different colored ballot, different clocks or different anything. He felt it was an injustice to those people to receive a different ballot. Mr. Bill Hasty agreed with Mr. Yount, based on information the Board has at this time. Mr. Abernethy suggested that we at least get advice from Alex Brock and the Attorney General's office. The other two members agreed to that and all set a meeting for Tuesday, October 22, 1991 at 8:15 A M.

David Abernethy moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty and unanimously approved.

The Board reconvened back into regular session. Mr. Abernethy requested the supervisor to contact Ruth Wilson pertaining to survey the Board had received. He will be attending the district meeting. One topic, one member wished to be discussed was "How frequent should the Board meet to review Absentees.

Motion was made by Bill Hasty to adjourn, seconded by Albert Yount.


Albert M. Yount

Tuesday, October 22, 1991 8:15 A M

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, October 22, 1991 at 8:15 a.m. in the office of the board of elections. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. They were unanimously approved after the word "they" was changed to "we" in the 8th paragraph.

The purpose of this meeting was to review absentee applications and container envelopes. Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve the following:

A-9, B-5, A/B=4, A/B-15, A/B-20 and OS-6 through OS-11.

This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

David Abernethy requested information as to "how we stand on precinct officials for November 5, 1991". The supervisor advised of the precincts and that each party chairman was working on them. Motion was made by Bill Hasty to change the meeting time on Friday from 8:15 A M to 12 noon and what vacancies there were, the Board would fill them and approve those recommended. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

The supervisor brought before the Board of a mistake in the header bars on the Newton/Conover School District, Newton District ballot which was her error, and it was being corrected. She offered to pay for the error. It was unanimous that she not pay for the error, but steps to be taken that will prevent it from happening again.

David Abernethy brought before the Board the latest on the Westside Annexation for the City of Newton. The temporary Stay is resolved by the order of the Court of Conference this 17th day of October, 1991. Mr Abernethy advised the Board of conversations he has had with Alex Brock of the State Board of Elections and Charles Hensey, Asst. Attorney General. All information received was discussed thoroughly. David Abernethy recommended using the same colored ballot and notify all the filed candidates in the City of Newton election in writing today, that we considered this today. The Board will not take any steps to distinguish persons from the annexed area from votes cast in the city preceding that annexation. This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty. Mr Yount agreed and stated he would like to sign the letter. At that point, Bill Hasty expressed some problems of David Abernethy speaking on behalf of the Board. Mr. Abernethy asked for some specific example. Mr. Yount's response to the discussion was that "he had been chairman and it works better for the chairman to sign correspondence." Mr Yount also responded that Mr Abernethy is the chairman and I have confidence in our chairman to simulate my thoughts. In this correspondence I wish to co-sign. Mr Abernethy had no problem with each signing the letter. Mr Yount advised if any time the members did not agree they could issue a letter of dissent, and this is a friendly amendment to the motion that he would like to co-sign.

The supervisor requested guidance for preparing the books for the precincts involved. She was told to have print-out of the voters living in the municipality of Newton and that highlighting would not be necessary. Mr. Hasty stated "that as far as he was concerned that the new precinct print-outs should be charged to the City of Newton.

There being no further business, David moved we adjourn, seconded by Bill Hasty.



Albert M Yount, Secretary

Friday, October 25, 1991 12 Noon

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Friday, October 25, 1991 at 8:15 A M in the office of the board of elections. Members present were Bill Hasty and Albert Yount. Mr. Abernethy requested to be excused. Mr. Hasty called the meeting to order and requested Albert to preside.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve. This was seconded by Albert Yount.

Purpose of this meeting was to review absentee applications and container envelopes. Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve the following:
A-10, A-11, A-12, A-13, A-14, B-6, A/B-5, A/B=6, A/B=7, A/B-8,
A/B-9, A/B-11, A/B-14, A/B-16, A/B-19, OS- 12 through OS-28.

This motion was seconded by Albert Yount.

There were 2 applications the supervisor advised that was not sure they were eligible. Motion was made by Albert Yount to accept the application for Weidner and Miles Abernethy. This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty. It was also brought before the board that there may be a school ballot in 2 of the one-stop envelopes of two voters, a Mr. Cline and his son, that should not be. The members present agreed to be on the lookout for them when counting absentees.

The supervisor presented the Board with a request from Hugh Gaither requesting a copy of the poll book at 10 A M , 2 P M and 4 P M. This was discussed and the State Board contacted. The supervisor was advised to write Mr. Gaither today denying his request under G.S. 163-45 and sign it "under the Direct Order of the Board".

Motion was made by Bill Hasty to appoint the following:

June Treadwell as temporary R Judge in College Park; Dorothy Hawkins, temporary Registrar in Greenmont #13; Joyce Brown as temporary Judge in Greenmont #13; Sue Laney as Republican in N Newton #25, Nancy Cline as Registrar in Startown #34; Ashley Ritchie, as temporary Republican Judge in Startown, Armada Nelson as Democrat Judge in Viewmont #36 and Ned Salley as temporary Democrat Judge in Viewmont 2 #37.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


Albert M Yount

Tuesday, October 29, 1991 8:15 A M

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met Tuesday, October 29, 1991 at 8:15 A M in the office of the board of elections. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. No corrections or additions, it was unanimous they stand as read.

The purpose of this meeting was to review absentee applications and container envelopes. Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve the following:

A-15, A-16, B-7, A/B-1, A/B-10, A/B-26, A/B-28, OS-29 through OS-41. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

The Board discussed the request from Hugh Gaither for the copies of the poll book on 11/5/91 that was denied at last meeting. This was for the chairman's information. The feeling of the 3 members was, it was the right thing to do, but had observers been requested, that might have been a different situation.

David Abernethy and the supervisor advised the Board of conversations with Jana White on October 28, 1991 in reference to filing CANA as a Pac.

The supervisor reported that the machines were logic tested on October 28, 1991. The serial numbers are #412, #420, #416, #387 and #384. These numbers as per law, but all precincts using machines were logic tested, plus 3 spares. The supervisor also reported that there were more problems with the machines than ever before. The storage area is dirty and dusty. The area given this office when the move was made (8/31/91) was perfect, but county needed it for other purposes. The move across the hall was made without consulting the supervisor. The assistant County Manager, Steven Wyatt came at the insistence of the supervisor to see the situation. He was sympathetic and saw the need for more space and security. Mr. Yount was very concerned about the security. Mr. Abernethy suggested that a ceiling be put in which would stop the dust. Mr Hasty requested that the Board be kept advised of progress.

The moving of Election Central was discussed. The Board was informed that the wiring was done 10/28/91 and would be ready for 11/5/91. Mr. Yount requested a news release be issued stating the change along with signs on both buildings. Mr. Abernethy requested the signs be put on both buildings Tuesday, 11/5/91.

In other business: Bill Hasty brought before the Board some questions and answers that came out of the State Fall Instructional Meeting in Greensboro. One issue he had was the Deputy Supervisor being restricted to registering voters only in the office under direct supervision of the supervisor. The answer to the question asked was that the deputy supervisor did not have to be a registration commissioner to do this. The supervisor advised the Board that the attorney general's office had given the instructions that was being practiced. After discussion it was agreed by all members that they interpreted the law different and the deputy could register voters, the same as the supervisor, although she does not, she could.

Mr. Hasty went back to the minutes of October 18, 1991 where he had questioned the chairman about his actions but could not be more specific at the time. He also went back to minutes of 7/15/91 and cited that the minutes were

not clear on the "Twins" case. Mr. Abernethy asked Mr Hasty if he was saying he had a problem with how he handled that. Mr. Hasty replied "yes". Mr. Abernethy explained how he was involved in that case because he had been subpoenaed, that he gave his personal opinion. Mr. Hasty questioned Mr Abernethy "Do you think if you had not been Chairman of the Board of Elections, the D.A. office would have talked to you about that"? Mr. Abernethy advised that he is David Abernethy and when a person speaks, in some way, his whole lifetime and reputation affects the way his words are judged. He also stated, certainly, if I am Chairman of the Board of Elections and am speaking about a case that has something to do with Election matters, as that was, he would hope the D.A.'s office would pay close attention to what his wishes are. Mr. Hasty replied that the Majority of the Board did not agree. With this, Mr. Albert Yount replied, "that he never questioned the Court's Decision" and told Mr. Hasty, he was putting words in his mouth. Mr Hasty apologized. Mr. Yount felt that those women were flirting with disaster and that they should thank the good Lord they were allowed to plea to a misdemeanor. The only problem he had, was the fine. He also said "we can't re-try the case here and he thought what Mr. Hasty was getting at, he was upset because David Abernethy didn't call him down here when he got subpoenaed. Mr. Hasty replied that David Abernethy has 1 vote on this Board and for him to speak for the Board on matters of "what the Board thinks" is wrong and that is exactly the case he was talking about.

Mr. Abernethy stated "he had the right to give his opinion to any public official and the fact that he is on this Board does not take away his civil rights". He also said he said "these are my feelings in the matter and I have the right do that and nobody is going to take that right away from me. Mr. Abernethy told Mr Hasty "that he was very sensitive to the matter and he thought he handled it properly but he guessed Mr Hasty was telling him he didn't.

Mr. Yount stated that he would corroborate basically what David had said. The whole thing was initiated by the Board of Elections because the Board had turned it over to the D.A. for what action he deemed just and proper.

Another item, Mr Hasty had was from a question and answer about the staff in the Board office being equal as far as party is concerned. He thought this office was fine in that respect. He also brought up the "Duties of the Supervisor" as adopted 10/5/89. He thought some of them cannot be or should not be done and he felt the need to revise. He felt that had the Board reviewed the ballots before going to the printer, the error that happened would not have happened. Mr. Yount asked "are you saying you would have caught that clock. Mr. Hasty reply to that was "he would like the Board to review them. The supervisor replied that the Board had reviewed all ballots even before they went to the State Board or the City Attorney or the Printer. Mr. Yount said to Mr. Hasty, why don't we just let you come up with the proposed change on this and we'll look at it sometime". To this Mr. Abernethy said "that sounds proper to me".

Mr. Yount stated to Mr. Hasty, "Lets quit inventing a wheel everytime we come down here to a meeting. That he had been on this Board for 18 years and that there is not the first person walked through that door, the basement door or the second floor door of the courthouse to say this Board wronged them and counted their vote wrongly and wouldn't let them vote when they could have". He also stated "he undersood that Mr. Hasty wanted to get it right, but the Board needed to get all this behind us, that the major function of this Board is to conduct Fair, Honest and Above Board Elections for this county, and he thought that had been done. He felt that this County is looked on by the State Board as one of the better run Election Boards in this State, and he hoped that some point in time, Mr Hasty would quit inventing a wheel. Mr. Yount stated that he was not dictating to the Chairman, that a lot of people did not know who he and Mr. Hasty were. Sometimes the Chairman has to make a decision. Mr Yount also stated "he did not object to Mr. Abernethy informing me of it, and when he calls me on the phone that consitutes a meeting and he normally has the supervisor put it in the minutes. That he felt they were lax in that and some one could call them on it and what would you have to say when you put your hand on the Good Book.

At this point, Mr. Abernethy stated it was now 9:30 and he was ready to adjourn.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


Albert M. Yount

Wednesday, October 30, 1991 8:15

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met in the office of the board of elections on Wednesday (6th day before election) at 8:15 a.m. Members present were David Abernethy and Bill Hasty. Mr. Yount asked to be excused.

The minutes were not read.

The purpose of this meeting was to review absentee applications and container envelopes.

Motion was made by Bill Hasty to approve the following:

A-17, A/B=12, A/B-29, A/B-30, OS-42 through OS-46

This motion was seconded by David Abernethy.

Motion was made by Bill Hasty to appoint Margaret Lawing as temporary Republican Judge in West Newton #39 precinct. This motion was seconded by David Abernethy.

The supervisor advised the Board that Jana White, of CANA was in the office on Tuesday, 10/29/91 to have her PAC report notarized. She talked with Carolyn Huffman and Wanda Mode and then she told the supervisor "she was on her way to the post office to mail her report to the State Board of Elections by registered mail.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Hasty

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Monday, November 4, 1991 5:00 P M

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met in the office of the board of elections on Monday 11/4/91 (1st day prior an election) at 5:00 P M. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

The minutes of 10/29/91 and 10/30/91 were read. Motion was made by David Abernethy to approve as read with some minor corrections. This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty and unanimously approved.

The purpose of this meeting was to review absentee applications and container envelopes. Motion was made by David Abernethy to approve the following:

A/B-17, A/B-21, A/B-23, A/B-24, A/B-25, A/B-31, A/B-32, A/B-33, A/B-34
A/B-35, A/B-36, A/B-37, A/B-38, A/B-39, OS-47 through OS-67. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

Lbt the minutes show that a phone survey of all 3 members were made in reference to a voter transfer done by a registration commissioner which was in error and should have been a registration. It was unanimous to allow Angelia Auton be put on the books since the proper registration has now been done.

Motion was made by David Abernethy to appoint Ann Lutz, temporary registrar in Sweetwater #35 precinct, Kathy Jones, temporary republican judge in Sweetwater #35 precinct and Tammy Crouse as temporary republican judge in Mt. Olive #22 precinct. College Park precinct #11 was in need of a republican judge and the Registrar was trying to locate one. The consensus was "for the Registrar to get the 1st person coming through the line that could stay."

The supervisor requested advice from the Board if the PTV tabulator should run all day as did not expect a lot of PTV voters. It was unanimous by the three members to allow the voter to use the traditional ballot box to be counted at 7:30 P M as per law.

The supervisor advised the Board that the two TV monitors had been moved to the Justice Center in the Grand Jury Assembly Room. She also requested that she not be responsible for their safe being as she could not check on them daily. Mr. Hasty said that they were the Boards responsibility. The election night was discussed briefly. The supervisor advised the Board of what was going to happen, here and in the Justice Center. She also advised that a CRT terminal would be in the Conference Room on second floor of this building for the news media if they so desired and two had asked; the other CRT would be in the board room for the Board. Results would be received in the MIC room supervised by Carolyn Huffman.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Tuesday, November 5, 1991 5:30 A.M.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections staff were on duty in the office of the board of elections on Tuesday, November 5, 1991 at 5:30 a.m. All three board members were on call.

There were 3^{1/2} service calls to make for malfunctions of the machines. Steve Rickie, tabulator technician went to E Maiden #9 for "an all red printout", the supervisor went to E Newton #10 for the same problem, and the supervisor went to Conover East #8 to reset the machine as the key was turned before plugged to electricity.

November 5, 1991 5:00 P M

David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount met in the board room of the board of elections at 5:00 p.m. to count absentee ballots.

It was unanimous by board members to disallow a Conover School Ballot issued to Philip Anthony as he is in the Newton District. They also disallowed a School Ward 4 ballot issued to a Jeffery and Oren Cline. Jeffery Cline lives in School Ward 1 and Oren Cline lives in School Ward 6.

One Hundreded Twenty Three (123) absentee ballots were counted with the results as follows: The board members were aided by the supervisor.

City of Hickory		City of Conover	
Alderman Ward 1	Absentee Votes	Mayor:	Absentee votes
Carolyn M Miller	6	Bruce R. Eckard	11
Gene Spainhour	9		
Alderman, Ward 2		Councilmen:	
Bruce Meisner	15	Hal C. Hollar	6
		Hal W. Kaylor	8
Alderman, Ward 3		Billy A Lingerfelt	0
Everett (Tim) Eckard	3	George W Pitman	1
Larson H. Moore	12	Franklin L Travis	8
		J Olin Winters	9
Alderman, Ward 4 (unexpired term)		City of Newton	
A. O. Carmichael, Jr	7	Mayor:	
Z. Ann Hoyle	9	Hugh R Gaither	53
Hickory Board of Education		Thomas C Hurley	23
SW 4: Allen Mitchell	2	Kemp Page Litton	Zero
SW 6: Polly Byrd	3	Alderman:	
		Johnny W Boyd	22
SW At Large: Chip Fotheringham	6	Wayne Dellinger	39
Susan B McDonald	7	Roy Johnson	24
G. K. Simmons	Zero	Mary Bess Lawing	35
Write-in Barbara Thomas	1	George Reid, Jr	27
		Tom Rowe	34
		Robert (Bob) Saunders	31

Newton/Conover Board of Education
 Conover District: Absentee Votes
 Harvey E Christensen 10
 Julie Eckard (write in) 1

Newton District:
 Janet James Byrd 15
 Ed Gurley Jr 37
 George Wilkinson Jr 41

The absentee names had been entered into the Absentee Poll Book. Each number was checked by board members and then book signed by each board member.

Town of Maiden Absentee vote
 Mayor:
 Zane R Hudson 9
 Robert L (Bob) Smyre 7

Councilmen:
 Bill Cashion Zero
 Reggie Deaton 4
 Keith R Harbinson 4
 Mary F. Little, Jr 7
 George (Scottie) McClellan 5
 Marjorie (Marge) Moose 2
 Cecil Parker 5
 Bobby G. Sigmon 9
 D. Ray Walker 9

The Board members then recessed to reconvene back in the office of the board of elections to count the Precinct Transfer Votes at 7:30 P M.

7:30 P M

David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount reconvened in board office to count the PTV. There were 16 precinct transfer votes counted with the results as follows:

City of Conover PTV votes
 Mayor
 Bruce R Eckard 3
 Councilmen:
 Hal C. Hollar 3
 Hal W Kaylor 2
 Billy A Lingerfelt Zero
 George W Pitman Zero
 Franklin L Travis 1
 J. Olin Winters 3

Newton/Conover School District PTV votes
 Newton District:
 Janet James Byrd 5
 Ed Gurley Jr 1 6
 George Wilkinson Jr 8
 Conover District:
 Harvey Christensen 3

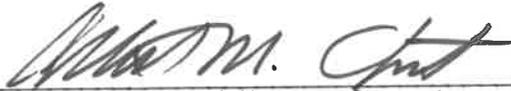
City of Newton
 Mayor:
 Hugh R. Gaither 11
 Thomas C Hurley 2
 Kemp Page Litton Zero

Aldermen:
 Johnny W Boyd 2
 Wayne Dellinger 5
 Roy Johnson 4
 Mary Bess Lawing 6
 George Reid, Jr 5
 Tom Rowe 9
 Robert (Bob) Saunders 6

The votes were reported by telephone by the registrars to the MIC center where volunteers manned the phones. Display of the results were in the Grand Jury Assembly Room in the Justice Center, the Board Room, and the Conference room in the Government Center.

The unofficial precinct returns were completed at 8:50 P M from each of the 29 precincts open.

There being no further business, the board of elections adjourned.


Albert M Yount, Secretary

Thursday, November 7, 1991 11 A M

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Thursday, November 7, 1991 at 11 A M in the Board Room of the board of elections to canvass the votes of the November 5, 1991 municipal and school district elections. This meeting is to comply with the G.S. 163-175 for the board members to meet the 2nd day after the election to officially canvass all returns. Members present were David Abernethy, Bill Hasty and Albert Yount.

Minutes of 11/4/91 and 11/5/91 were read. There being no corrections, deletions or additions, it was unanimous they stand approved.

A copy of a letter address to Mazelle Bollinger, Treas. for CANA was received from the State Board of Elections Campaign Reporting office was reviewed and filed.

The registrar from Mt Olive #22 precinct, when attending audit day gave staff her out-stack and advised "the officials were not sure of how to count them". David Abernethy made the motion that the outstack be reviewed and be placed in Mt. Olive #22 precinct ballot box. This motion was seconded by Bill Hasty and unanimously approved. The supervisor was advised to call and write the registrar advising what was correct and what was wrong from her request.

Each return was checked against the abstracts that had been prepared by the office staff, by the board members.

IT WAS UNANIMOUS BY ALL THREE BOARD MEMBERS THAT THE GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 5, 1991 BE OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED.

The official results of the Canvass stands as follows: (123 absentees and 16 precinct transfer votes are included in totals).

	<u>Votes</u>		<u>Votes</u>
Brookford Municipal		Hickory Board of Education	
Alderman		SW 4	
Myrtle L. Franklin	32	Allen Mitchell	421
Vickie H. Green	13		
Rene Griffey	14	SW 6	
David Lee Spencer	25	Polly Byrd	538
Eulon E. Warren	29		
Thomas W Winstead	18	SW At Large	
Thomas Vance Workman	34	Chip Fotheringham	1619
		Susan Bridgeman McDonald	995
City of Hickory		G. K. Simmons	83
Alderman, Ward 1			
Carolyn M Miller	1268	Claremont Municipal	
Gene Spainhour	966	Mayor	
		Joe Chandler	56
Alderman, Ward 2			
Bruce E. Meisner	1730	Councilmen	
		Eddy G. Harwell	44
Alderman, Ward 3		Nicky E. Setzer	47
Everett (Tim) Eckard	1004	James Paul (P.J.) Stanley	49
Larson H. Moore	1143		
Alderman, Ward 4			
unexpired term			
A. O. Carmichael, Jr	1059		
Z. Ann Hoyle	1145		

Conover Municipal	<u>Votes</u>	Newton/Conover Bd. of Ed.	<u>Votes</u>
Mayor		Newton District:	
Bruce R. Eckard	727	Janet James Byrd	873
Councilmen		Ed Gurley, Jr.	1231
Hal C. Hollar	458	George Wilkinson, Jr.	1247
Hal W. Kaylor	522	Conover District:	
Billy A. Lingerfelt	141	Harvey E. Christensen	822
George W. Pitman	255	Maiden Municipal	
Franklin L. (Chief) Travis	617	Mayor:	
J. Olin Winters	544	Zane R. Hudson	284
Newton Municipal		Robert L. (Bob) Smyre)	450
Mayor		Councilmen	
Hugh R. Gaither	1481	Bill Cashion	37
Thomas C. Hurley	951	Reggie Deaton	281
Kemp Page Litton	39	Keith R. Harbinson	138
Aldermen		Mary F. Little	366
Johnny W. Boyd	605	George (Scottie) McClellan	208
Wayne Dellinger	1417	Marjorie (Marge) Moose	137
Roy Johnson	680	Cecil Parker	213
Mary Bess Lawing	1356	Bobby G. Sigmon	284
George Reid, Jr	912	D. Ray Walker	378
Tom Rowe	1123	Write-ins cont.	
Robert (Bob) Saunders	938	Conover Sch Dist.	
Write-ins as recorded:		Julie Eckard	1
Hickory MW 2		No names (reported)	7
Edwina Deal	1	Newton Municipal	
	<u>8</u>	Mayor	
MW 4		Robert Chambers	1
Frank Fisher	1	Hickory MW 3	<u>2</u>
Bill Elliott	1	Conover - Mayor	12
	<u>1</u>		
SW 6			
Lana Teague	1		
Steve Neuville	1		
SW At Large			
Barbara Thomas	1		
	<u>1</u>		

A request from G. K. Simmons, candidate for School Ward At Large in the Hickory Administrative School Unit, for a re-count was reviewed. David Abernethy made the motion that the Board finds that probable cause has not been found under Title 8 Chapter 2 point .0002, therefore request for re-count be denied. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved. The request for the re-count will be placed in the file with the other matters by this candidate. The supervisor was advised to mail a copy of the Boards order for this dismissal to the candidate and a copy of the notice to the State Board of Elections.

There ending the Canvass

Mr. Abernethy asked the Board if they wanted to take up the duties of the supervisor or recess for lunch or adjourn without meeting again. Mr. Hasty requested "when the Boards next meeting would be?" If the Board does not have one, he recommended Tuesday, December 17, 1991 or no later than that as he was pushed for time today.

Does not ask Board if he was satisfied to add and he was.

At the beginning of the meeting, the supervisor had delivered to ~~The supervisor presented~~ the Board with a letter from the State Board of Elections received 11/7/91 requesting the duties of the supervisor be filed or a letter continuing the duties as on record, with the State Board of Elections by 11/30/91. The subject of letter was delinquent filing. Mr. Abernethy had no personal objections of taking up the Duties of the Supervisor at this time. Mr. Yount stated he did not, and also stated "he did not see much change in what Mr. Hasty had drawn up."

Each item of the duties was reviewed and discussed, comparing the ones adopted 10/5/89 with the ones drawn up by Mr. Hasty. It was unanimous that the following be the duties of the supervisor:

DUTIES OF SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
(11/7/91)

Because the Catawba County Board of Elections has a full time Supervisor of Elections, with a staff of full time, part time and supplemental personnel, and that any action taken by the Supervisor is done in the name of the Board, we feel it prudent to enumerate the areas in which the Supervisor may act for the Board; Therefor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Catawba County Board of Elections of the State of North Carolina does hereby execute the authority contained G. S. 163-35 and delegates to Joyce C. Rudisill, Supervisor of Elections of Catawba County, the following duties, powers and responsibilities:

1. To organize and supervise daily work of the office and supervise the full-time, part-time and supplemental personnel. Supervise the procedure for receiving and approving applications for registration. Serve as registrar at large to register or transfer citizen. (163-80(2)).
2. To perform administrative duties related to the permanent registration system, (which is supervising the maintenance of the registration books and addition of all new registrations, transfers, party changes and removal of names by death, relocation and purging).
3. To maintain handling of board records and documents. To maintain files on previous elections. To provide citizens and news media election results and other information related matters, except when policy or the judicial function of the board is affected. The chairman shall be consulted when request are made for an appearance before an official government board.
4. To supervise the selling of precinct lists of registered voters to those requesting them and accept fees for same. (163-66).
5. To receive candidates candidacy for an elective office, County, Municipal, School Board and Multi-District, also to accept filing fees for same.

6. To prepare all reports required by the State Board of Elections according to the General Statutes and supervise the accepting and auditing of campaign reports from candidates. If any reports are not filed on time or include illegal contributions, to report the violation to the Catawba County Board of Elections and thereafter to the State Board of Elections.
7. Prepare necessary correspondence for the Board, maintain timetable of Board duties set forth by State Board of Elections; notify all board members of all deadlines and meetings, advise board members of all changes in election laws, and any matter requiring their attention.
8. To prepare ballots for Board approval. Supervise the storage, maintenance, sealing and delivery to the polls the necessary machines, ballots, and materials. The supervisor, along with any interested Board members will logic test all machines. Have at least 1 staff member from each of the two major parties present when logic testing takes place.
9. To supervise the issuing of absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots and keep appropriate records. To issue the A/B application and issuance of absentee ballots. To enter the names on the poll book prior to 2 P.M. on election day, (holding any that are not in order for the boards close examination).
10. To receive returns from precinct officials.
11. To prepare abstracts and assist the Board in canvassing the returns of all elections.
12. To maintain contact with the precinct registrars and judges, notify them of all elections and with the chairman of the Board instruct the precinct officials in conducting elections at the instructional meeting held before each election. Keep the officials informed of changes in the laws concerning their duties.
13. To consult with the Board on purchasing of all capital expenditures only.
14. To review validity of petitions and prepare reports for local and State Board of Elections and present to the Board for certification.
15. To supervise needed reports for Data Processing and data going into the computer terminal located in board office.
16. To prepare the budget for approval of Board prior to submission to the County Manager for the County Commissioners.
17. To attend State Board of Elections seminars and be aware of all changes in the General Statute pertaining to the Board of Elections.
18. To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board

In other business:

The supervisor advised the Board that one of the TV Monitors had a faulty board and she authorized it repaired with McLaughlin Appliance and TV. This was reported to the board on 11/5/91. In consulting with the County Finance Director, she was told that under the Budget Ordinance, as a department head she had this right to have it repaired. Although the Monitors are out of warranty, it was decided that the Company should be talked with. Mr. Hasty volunteered to talk with Greg McLaughlin before the supervisor pays this. She was asked to find out approximately how many hours the machines have been used. Mr. Yount suggested that if could not get relief from McLaughlin's, the manufacturer be talked with. The Board gave the power to Mr. Hasty to talk with McLaughlin's.

Mr. Hasty remarked that who ever is responsible (Ray or Micky from MIC) that the Monitors be put in the Grand Jury Witness Room in the Justice Center and locked up. The supervisor in a previous meeting had requested that she not be responsible for the monitors since they were not in this building. She was told by Mr. Hasty "they were the Boards responsibility". Mr. Michael Talbert from the Finance Department advised the supervisor as a department head, they were in her inventory and she is responsible for them.

The supervisor presented the hourly salary of the staff as obtained from the Finance Director at the Boards request, and requested what to charge the cities for the recent ward changes in City of Hickory and Newton's westside annexation. Mr. Hasty replied that he had checked with Lillie Holmes, personnel director about hourly salaries for the staff. Mr. Hasty made the motion that \$11.50 per hour spent on these two (2) items be charged to the cities. This motion was seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Bill Hasty to adjourn and meet again on 12/17/91 at 8:15 A. M. Mr. Abernethy asked "what will we discuss"? Mr. Hasty replied "that the bill to McLaughlin's for one thing". Mr. Abernethy stated he preferred not to meet to discuss a \$266.02 bill and charge the county \$75.00. The supervisor asked that she be called and it would be paid. Mr. Hasty withdrew his motion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Albert M. Yount Secretary

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The Catawba County Board of Elections met this date in the Board's Newton Office. Present were David Abernethy (David), Bill Hasty (Bill), and Albert Yount (Albert).

The meeting was called to order by David. Previous meeting minutes were read. Supervisor reported that the previous election "write-ins" have been included in the minutes.

Bill questioned the sequence of the minutes. Minutes were adjusted to suit all board members.

Bill questioned accuracy of wording(s) of supervisors duties and accused the supervisor of a deliberate attempt to mold the duties to suite herself. David said this was a serious accusation and the Board proceeded to hear Bill's statement(s). The Board modified the minutes pertaining to the supervisor's duties to ~~eliminate~~ ^{eliminate} any reference to NC General Statutes. Other changes are to be reflected in additions and deletions to the previous minutes.

The Board heard of an invitation to conduct elections in precinct #28 St. Stephens 1 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on Springs Road. The supervisor informed the Board of her visit to this site and informed the Board that the facility met all handicap requirements and was an excellent site. David informed the Board of contact with the Democrat and Republican Party Chairpersons, both of whom approved of holding elections at the St. Stephens's Lutheran Church site. Albert questioned re: Would a funeral at the church endanger the election process; No: Albert asked that the church be informed "the Board would pay for cleanup and utilities if they desired." The Board voted to proceed with legal process to move the election polling place to this location.

RESOLUTION REGARDING CHANGE OF PRECINCT POLLING PLACE
FOR ST. STEPHENS 1 #28

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-128 allows the county board of elections to change polling places within a precinct;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Catawba County Board of Elections, that the voting place for St. Stephens 1 #28 precinct will be moved from the Webb Murray Elementary School TO ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH at 2304 Springs Road, Hickory, N. C. 28601. (corner of Spencer Road and Springs Road).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be filed with the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice shall be given by advertisement in a newspaper having general circulation in Catawba County, by posting a copy of this resolution at the Catawba County Courthouse door, and by mailing a copy of this resolution to the chairman of every political party in the County of Catawba.

I, David Abernethy, Chairman of the Catawba County Board of Elections, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, exact and correct copy of a Resolution unanimously adopted by the Catawba County Board of Elections on December 11, 1991. The effective date is January 1, 1992.

Witness my hand and seal of this office, this 11th day of December , 1991.

/s/ David Abernethy
Chairman, Catawba County Board of Elections

Bill reported a conversation with McLaughlin TV re: the repairs done to a TV monitor. Bill said it was his opinion that McLaughlin is due their money and also that the County Manager be informed that the monitor was in good working order the last time the Board operated same.

Albert questioned ^{why} the Board had not received any notice of G. K. Simmons' appeal to the State Board of Elections. Albert believed that until the local Board served Simmons with the State Board's order affirming the local Board's denial of her request for a recount in the Hickory Board of Education election; that Simmons' window of time for appeal to the Superior Court remained open. Supervisor ordered to call the State Board Office tomorrow morning and report the findings.

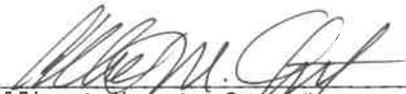
Motion by Albert, seconded Bill to appoint the following: Marjorie Harris, Brenda Smith Travis, Fred B Fulbright as Democratic registration commissioners. Same recommended by John Cilley. Stephen M. Johnson as registration commissioner at Ivey Library.

Bill requested that the Board activate the previously approved position of part-time assistant supervisor. The Board discussed the matter and feels that this position is now not activated re: the County Manager had informed the Board that the hiring of any new positions or additional employees had been frozen by the County Commissioners:

Bill volunteered to approach the County Manager and ask that the part-time position now be activated. Bill stated that he felt the Board did not need the County Managers approval for this position as the Board does not have to have his approval for its monetary needs. Bill said he would so inform the County Manager if he refused to activate the above part-time position. Albert asked that he inform the County Manager that (if the position was refused) Bill was speaking for Bill and not for Albert. Albert and David feel that a more co-operative approach with the County Manager is prudent.

Supervisor asked the Board their desire for the amount of fees to invoice the City of Hickory for time and efforts spent in the changing of City of Hickory Ward lines in the last city election. (due to Cenus) The Board directed the Supervisor to bill Hickory at the same rate as most recently charged to the City of Newton for changes involved in that City's recent annexation procedures.

Bill motioned to adjourn, Albert seconded. MEETING ADJOURNED.


Albert Yount, Secretary

December 19, 1991

For the minutes:

The results of a telephone conversation between Bill Hasty and Albert Yount regarding Catawba County Board of Elections matters.

Bill reported that he had met with the County Manager re: the activation of a part-time position in the Board's office. The County Manager had requested a written request for this position from the full Board so as to present same to the County Commissioners.

Albert discussed:

1 - A trip to the Mecklenburg Board of Elections campaign reporting center to view that County's election return system.

2 - What is the current and up to date status of the Board of Election Capital Account relative to the purchase of new voting tabulators. This account has been funded for some years and the Board was asked not to use the monies by reasons of County monetary shortfalls. Albert wants a current accounting of the fund. Bill said he felt this a good idea.

3 - Albert desired a current situation report on the G. K. Simmons matter; ie has she been served by the Board?

Albert and Bill agreed to ask the Supervisor to obtain a current Capital Budget and set up an early January meeting with Mr. Bill Culp re: the above campaign reporting situation. The Supervisor inform the Board of the up to date situation of the G. K. Simmons matter.

*Original sent
4/14/92*