

Tuesday, January 14, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met in the board of elections office on Monday, January 14, 1997 at 8:00 A.M. Members present were Chairman, Albert Yount, Secretary, David Abernethy, Member, Bob Johnson and Director, Flora Belle Abernethy.

Motion was made by Albert Yount, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to approve the minutes of November 4, November 5, and November 8, 1996.

The March 11, 1997 School Bond Referendum ballot facsimile was discussed and reviewed. Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved to approve the ballot (a traditional paper ballot, not the tabulator ballot) and to order a sufficient number of ballots for the election.

The Director was instructed by the Board to visit several larger counties in the state to research their computer software package to determine which would best suit the needs of this office. The Director told the Board she would do so and report back to them her findings.

The Board reviewed the preliminary budget that was presented to them by the Director.

There being no further business, motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to adjourn.



DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

February 21, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Friday, February 21, 1997. The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. with all members and the Director being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Board approved the following absentee applications: OS 1-3, C-1 and C-2.

The Director presented the revised budget, which had been submitted to the County Manager. The Chairman asked for details on what the software requested in the \$150,000 capital expense line item could be expected to accomplish. The Director stated that she and Wanda Mode, with an employee of the ITC, had visited the Forsyth and Guilford County Board offices on Tuesday prior to the instructional seminar in Chapel Hill. As an example, their programs would immediately prepare a notice letter and registration card for a new registrant at the counter, saving the time and expense of preparing separate mailings. The amount of the line item had been reviewed with the ITC, who said the amount was realistic. The Board took copies of the budget proposal for further study.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Abernethy

DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

Friday, February 28, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Friday, February 28, 1997. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. with all members and the Director being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Board approved the following absentee applications: OS-4 - 7 and C-6.

The Board inspected the paper ballots that are to be used in the March 11, 1997 Special Bond Referendum. The Board discussed budget matters with the Director.

Mr. Yount disclosed that his mother is to serve as a Judge in the March 11, 1997 Special Bond Referendum. The other two board members have no problem with this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Abernethy
DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

Friday, March 7, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Friday, March 7, 1997. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. with all members and the Director being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The board approved the following absentee applications: OS-8 *thru OS-19.*

The Board received a copy of the Board of Elections Statement of Purpose from the Director.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

Monday, March 10, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Monday, March 10, 1997. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with all members and the Director being present.

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to approve the following absentee applications: OS-20 thru OS-23

The Board authorized Allen Wood to pickup supplies and deliver them to Precinct #32 South Newton.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

Tuesday, March 11, 1997 - 6:00 A.M.

The Catawba County Boards of Elections staff were on duty in the office of the Board of Elections, Tuesday, March 11, 1997 at 6:00 a.m. to be there if needed by the precincts. The board members were on call.

Tuesday, March 11, 1997 - 5:00 P.M.

The Board members met in the board room of the Board of Elections office at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of counting absentee ballots in the Special School Bond Referendum. The absentee voters' names were entered into the absentee poll book and each was checked by the board members. Each board member signed the poll book.

There were 27 absentee ballots counted with the results as follows:

YES	<u>23</u>
NO	<u>4</u>

Tuesday, March 11, 1997 - 7:30 P.M.

The Catawba County Board members met in the board office to receive precinct returns. All members were present. The unofficial precinct returns were completed at 8:54 p.m. The board adjourned to meet again on Friday, March 14, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. to canvass this election.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

Friday, March 14, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met in the office of the Board of Elections on Friday, March 14, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. All members and the Director were present. The purpose of this meeting was to comply with N.C. General Statute 163-175 (to certify the election results at an official canvass).

The minutes from March 7, March 10, and March 11, 1997 were unanimously approved.

The Board counted 10 provisional ballots. The provisional ballots that were counted are as follows:

YES	10
NO	0

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTED AT</u>
Gary Keith McCall	#1 Balls Creek
Terri Sue Clark	#1 Balls Creek
Linda L. Atkins	#1 Balls Creek
Robin Robinson	#1 Balls Creek
Kimberly F. Dice	#3 Blackburn
Donnie Carroll Schronce	#22 Mt. Olive
Chuong Van Lam	#36 Viewmont 1
Naomi Bolick Taylor	#36 Viewmont 1
Susan C. Lane	#36 Viewmont 1
Shelley Foster Morrow	#41 Lake Norman

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to pass the Resolution Relating to the Canvass of the Returns of the Special Bond Referendum.

Motion was made by Albert Yount, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved that the Board retire into closed session in order to discuss information afforded the privilege of "the State Personnel Records Act".

The Board came out of closed session and there being no further business the board unanimously adjourned.

David Abernethy

DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

AUGUST 26, 1997

The newly appointed members of the Catawba County Board of Elections met in the office of the Board of Elections at the Catawba County Government Center at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 26, 1997. Barbara Towery, Clerk of Court, administered the oath of office to each member in accordance with N.C.G.S. 163-31. Appointed and sworn were Albert Yount, Robert Johnson and David Abernethy.

This organization meeting was not held at an earlier time because the members did not receive their letters of appointment from the State Board of Elections until August 25, 1997. The meeting date of August 26, 1997 was as directed in Memorandum 97-09 from the Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board of Elections.

Immediately after being sworn the Board met to elect a Chairman and Secretary. Motion was made by Robert Johnson, seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved to elect Albert Yount as Chairman. Motion was made by Albert Yount, seconded by Robert Johnson and unanimously approved to elect David Abernethy as Secretary.

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the October 7, 1997 Primary Ballot for the City of Hickory, Ward 6, which was already approved by John Crone, Attorney for the City of Hickory.

David Abernethy discussed with the other board members the State Board of Elections meeting held in Greensboro August 20 through August 22, 1997. He stated that \$6,000,000 has been budgeted by the state for voter registration software, pending final passage by the legislature. It is our understanding that this software will be offered to the counties free of charge, but each county is responsible for revising their own registration data to meet the standards to be established in the near future by the State Board of Elections.

Sheryl Molleur, of the Catawba County ITC Department, reported to the board that she will be attending a State Board of Elections Standards Committee meeting in Raleigh on September 2, 1997. Sheryl hopes to be appointed to this committee.

Motion was made by Albert Yount, seconded by Robert Johnson and unanimously approved to set 8:00 A.M. as the time for the board to meet to approve absentee applications.

Let the minutes show if the Democratic Party has not submitted all the names for Chief Judges and Democrat Judges by September 7, 1997, the board will have the option to appoint someone for these positions.

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to accept the names designated as number one by the Republican County Chairman and presented to the board for the Republican Judge in each of the 40 precincts.

The names and precincts are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>
EVELYN SMITH	#1 BALLS CREEK
JOE WYANT	#2 BANOAK
CHAD WARREN BUMGARNER	#3 BLACKBURN
LILLIAN STEPP	#4 BROOKFORD
CECIL SCHRONCE	#5 CATAWBA
CLYDE FORTENBERY	#6 CLAREMONT
LEE MORITZ	#7 CONOVER WEST
NANCY M. PANNELL	#8 CONOVER EAST
SHARON K. ABERNETHY	#9 EAST MAIDEN
MAE PITTMAN	#10 EAST NEWTON
WILLIAM B. TREADWELL	#11 COLLEGE PARK
ELAINE D. SEAVER	#12 KENWORTH
DOROTHY HAWKINS	#13 GREENMONT
KATHLEEN BOLICK	#14 OAKWOOD
ALFRED WRIGHT	#15 RIDGEVIEW
ANN ANDERSON	#16 HIGHLAND
MILDRED DIETZ	#17 LONG VIEW NORTH
FAYE BEAN	#19 LONG VIEW SOUTH
RUBY SIGMON	#20 MAIDEN
JOE H. RUDISILL	#21 MONOGRAM
SHELIA LITTLE WRIGHT	#22 MT OLIVE
ANN LOOKADOO	#23 MTN VIEW 1
JEAN PITTS	#24 MTN VIEW 2
PHYLLIS BOLLINGER	#25 NORTH NEWTON
EUGENE SMITH	#26 OAKLAND HEIGHTS
WALTER MULLIGAN	#27 OXFORD
JOAN NOBLE	#28 ST STEPHENS 1
ROBERT STEWART	#29 ST STEPHENS 2
MARGARET HAHN	#30 SANDY RIDGE
JIMMIE L. GANTT	#31 SHERRILLS FORD
MAE L. MCLEAN	#32 SOUTH NEWTON
CAP RULLMAN	#33 SPRINGS
KATHY JOHNSON	#34 STARTOWN
ANN LUTZ	#35 SWEETWATER
WALTER ZIMMERMAN	#36 VIEWMONT 1
TERRY LAWRENCE	#37 VIEWMONT 2
GEORGE E. HAHN	#38 FALLING CREEK
MARY JO WILLIAMS	#39 NORTHWEST
PAMELA H. FARMER	#40 WEST NEWTON
CLYDE G. SIGMON	#41 LAKE NORMAN

The board discussed a discrepancy pertaining to board meeting dates that was published in the August 13, 1997 Hickory Daily Record. It was unanimously decided that the error by the newspaper would not cause a problem.

Let the minutes show that the Director of Elections, Flora Belle Abernethy, will not work directly with absentee ballots during the City of Newton's Municipal Election to be held on November 4, 1997, due to her son being a candidate for Alderman in that race . She customarily does not work directly with the absentee ballots.

There being no further business, David Abernethy moved to adjourn. This was seconded by Robert Johnson and unanimously approved at 9:30 A.M.



DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, September 9, 1997 at 8:00 a.m. in the office of the Board of Elections. Present were board members Albert Yount, David Abernethy, and Bob Johnson; Director Flora Belle Abernethy; and Sheryl Molleur, Application Manager for the Catawba County ITC Department.

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved to approve the minutes from the August 26, 1997 meeting.

Sheryl Molleur, Catawba County ITC, reported to the board of her meeting in Raleigh concerning state wide voter registration. Sheryl asked Mr. Gary Bartlett, Executive-Secretary Director State Board of Elections, if he would consider selecting Catawba County as one of the pilot counties for the PRISM software system. A survey from Mr. Bartlett was sent to Sheryl to complete before a decision is made . Sheryl informed the board that she is in the process of creating a data entry application to cleanup our data file, which means we must have a physical address as well as a mailing address for each registered voter. This must be done before any software can be installed. Sheryl's suggestion was to hire someone to come in and do the keying for this clean up. If Catawba County is chosen as a pilot county, we could tentatively have the software installed by April or May, 1998. The deadline for the state conversion is no later than August 31, 1998.

Let the minutes show that the Board is very appreciative of the work that Sheryl Molleur is doing for the Board of Elections.

The Board's attention was called to a chart appearing on the top left corner of Page 5 of the September 8, 1997 edition of the Observer-News-Enterprise. The chart concerns candidates from School Board Elections in Newton-Conover and Hickory. The three column addresses are District, Incumbents and Challengers. In the first row, Newton-Conover, Newton 1 & 2 appear in the first column with Newton-Conover 2 below Newton-Conover 1. In the incumbent column Sam McRee appears below Libba Gaither. In the Challenger Column Randy Isenhower is placed to the right of the name Sam McRee. Below the chart appears the words: SOURCE: Catawba County Board of Elections Key* - Not Running

In fact, the Newton-Conover School District is not divided into wards and the three candidates are simply running for the two seats. The Director has called the newspaper editor due to the fact that the chart could mislead some voters. The newspaper editor told the Director a correction would be published in the next edition.

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved to accept all of the names submitted by the Catawba County Democratic Chairman for Chief Judge and Democrat Judge. The names and precincts are as follows:

CHIEF JUDGE

WILLIAM W. JONES

PATRICIA F. DAVIS

LORENE K. GRIFFEY

ELIZABETH W. CONNOR

PEGGY H. SMITH

JAMES W. SIMPSON

MARY C. RICHARDS

YVONNE WOOD

ALICE M. WATTS

BARBARA J. MEADOWS

THOMAS E. FANCHER

ANNE H. MASON

ANNETTE W. JONES

CLARICE M. ICENHOUR

HELEN LOCKMAN

DOROTHY W. PHILLIPS

JACQUELYN S. CAMPBELL

M. KENT HOLCOMB

JUDGE

VICKIE M. TAYLOR

MARY B. RHONEY

BETTY M. FEIMSTER

BETTY S. ANTHONY

JANEY WOODS

RITA M. BUSBEE

MERLE ANN FISHER

ALMA B. DIXON

NANCY MARLENE DELLINGER

HELEN HEFNER

MARGARET L. GENTRY

BUDDY W. LITTLE

THOM HUTCHINS

VIOLET BARKLEY

BONNIE RICE

SADIE R. DUNN

RUBY MARTIN

ETHEL D. DALE

RAYDELL MCREE

JAMES G. WILLIAMS

LARRY E. BREWER

PRECINCT

#1 BALLS CREEK

#2 BANOAK

#3 BLACKBURN

#4 BROOKFORD

#5 CATAWBA

#6 CLAREMONT

#7 CONOVER W

#8 CONOVER E

#9 EAST MAIDEN

#10 EAST NEWTON

#11 COLLEGE PK.

#12 KENWORTH

#13 GREENMONT

#14 OAKWOOD

#15 RIDGEVIEW

#16 HIGHLAND

#17 LONG VIEW N

#19 LONG VIEW S

#20 MAIDEN

#21 MONOGRAM

#22 MT. OLIVE

EVA W. SCHUMANN		#23 MTN. VIEW 1
BETTY C. HEFNER	MELISSA LACKEY	#24 MTN. VIEW 2
	BETTY C. SIMMONS	#25 NORTH NEWTON
	FLO HAMBY	#26 OAKLAND HEIGHTS
MARGARET JAMES	CECIL ROCKETT	#27 OXFORD
		#28 ST. STEPHENS 1
ELBERTA RAY TEAGUE		#29 ST. STEPHENS 2
	WILLA DEAN ADCOCK	#30 SANDY RIDGE
SAMUEL L. WHITE	JOY C. BEATTY	#31 SHERRILLS FORD
ALLEN W. WOOD III	HARPER CILLEY	#32 SOUTH NEWTON
FLORENCE LAIL	EVELYN H. KILLIAN	#33 SPRINGS
PEGGY SIGMON	PAULINE C. POOVEY	#34 STARTOWN
GEORGE FUTRELLE		#35 SWEETWATER
	SARA H. AIKEN	#36 VIEWMONT 1
HERBERT C. SEABOCK	LILLIAN S. WILSON	#37 VIEWMONT 2
HENRY LEE JARVIS	EVELYN L. WALZ	#38 FALLING CREEK
W. KEN JONES	BETTY H. FOWLER	#39 NORTHWEST
KENYON H. KELLY	VIVIAN PIKE	#40 WEST NEWTON
HAROLD D. MILLER		#41 LAKE NORMAN

Let the minutes show that the Board congratulated the Director and staff for winning the "Outstanding County Program Award" for 1997 presented by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

There being no further business, motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to adjourn.

David Abernethy

DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met in the office of the Board of Elections on Tuesday, September 23, 1997 at 8:00 A.M. Present were board members Albert Yount, David Abernethy, Bob Johnson; and Director, Flora Belle Abernethy.

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 1997 meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the following Chief Judges for the October 7, 1997 Hickory City Municipal Primary:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>
MARGARET LAVENDER	#26 OAKLAND HEIGHTS
HUGH JOHNSON	#36 VIEWMONT 1

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to approve the following One-Stop applications:

OS - 1
OS - 2

The Board concluded they do not need to take any action due to the resigning of Catawba County School Board Member Judy Elmore. The School Board will appoint someone to replace Ms. Elmore.

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to approve the RESOLUTION REGARDING COUNTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS. In effect, absentee ballots will be counted at 5:00 P.M. on election day.

The instructional meetings for the November 4, 1997 Municipal and School Board Elections have been set for Tuesday, October 28, 1997 at 4:00 P.M. and Thursday, October 30, 1997 at 4:00 P.M.

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to approve the ballots for the November 4, 1997 Municipal and School Board Elections.

There being no further business, motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to adjourn.

David Abernethy

DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1997

A called meeting of the Board of Elections was held on Wednesday, September 24, 1997 at 3:00 P.M. Present were board members Albert Yount, David Abernethy and Bob Johnson, Director Flora Belle Abernethy, County Attorney Robert Eades, and Walker Aderholdt, Mayoral Candidate for the City of Hickory. Also several news media were represented.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Albert Yount.

Director, Flora Belle Abernethy, told the Board that on Tuesday, September 23, 1997, she received a returned check which had been tendered for a filing fee for \$12.00 by Walker Aderholdt, Mayoral Candidate for the City of Hickory. The Director called the board members and told them about the returned check. She then called Mr. Aderholdt and informed him of the returned check. She also informed him of the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 1997 at 3:00 P.M. to discuss the issue and asked him to bring his bank statements, etc.

Mr. Abernethy stated that as the check had been returned stamped "Closed Account", the Board should notify Mr. Aderholdt to show cause why his candidacy should not be ruled to be void. Mr. Aderholdt stated he was prepared to proceed with the hearing.

Albert Yount said he talked with David Abernethy on Tuesday, September 23, 1997 and then called Mrs. Johnnie McLean, Deputy Director, State Board of Elections in Raleigh. After explaining the situation to Mrs. McLean, she told Mr. Yount for the Board to determine whether the account was closed before Mr. Aderholdt wrote the check. Mrs. McLean explained if this were so then Mr. Aderholdt's candidacy would be terminated.

Mr. Abernethy asked Mr. Aderholdt if he would read a policy adopted by the Board in March of 1990, for the payment of filing fees by potential candidates. The policy provided that if a filing fee check was returned without error of the part of the bank, that the person who had issued the check would no longer be a legal candidate. Mr. Abernethy also explained that this policy was adopted prior to Bob Johnson being appointed to the Board of Elections.

Mr. Aderholdt stated that when the check was written on July 28, 1997, his account with BB&T was open and there were sufficient funds to cover the \$12.00 filing fee. Mr. Aderholdt showed the Board a bank statement and a letter from the bank stating that the account had been closed on August 25, 1997 with a balance in excess of \$12.00. Mr. Aderholdt said he closed the account with BB&T and opened a new account with First Union. He explained that when checking his statement he overlooked the fact that his check #728 had not yet cleared. He also stated that this was an honest mistake; there was no intention to defraud or write a bad check. He represented that the account maintained a balance of more than \$12.00 from July 28 to August 25, 1997.

Mr. Abernethy asked the Director to explain why the check had not been deposited for collection until September 12, 1997. Mrs. Abernethy said that the Board of Elections office usually keeps all checks and currency in the office until a certain amount is collected before it

is turned in to the Finance Department.

Mr. Abernethy cited the Uniform Commercial Code and the former Negotiable Instruments Law provisions providing that the issuer of a check would be discharged if the holder failed to present the check with a reasonable period of time and the bank failed. Thus, he reasoned that Mr. Aderholdt would have reasonably expected that the check would be deposited within a reasonable time. Mr. Abernethy informed Mr. Aderholdt that he should have made sure the check had cleared the bank before closing the account. However, he also stated there was a lack of diligence in the Board's failure to deposit the check for six weeks.

After reviewing all of the evidence, Mr. Yount said he was satisfied the money was in the bank at the time the check was written.

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to allow Walker Aderholdt to tender the \$12.00 for the filing fee and that his candidacy would be allowed to continue.

Motion was made to recess at 3:50 P.M.

The Board went back into session at 4:00 P.M.

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to approve the following absentee ballot:

OS-2A

There being no further business, motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to adjourn.

David Abernethy
DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met in the office of the Board of Elections on September 30, 1997 at 8:00 A.M. Present were board members Albert Yount, David Abernethy, Bob Johnson and Director Flora Belle Abernethy.

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved to approve the following One-Stop ballots:

- OS - 3
- OS - 4
- OS - 5
- OS - 6

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to approve the minutes of September 23, 1997 and September 24, 1997.

The Board was informed by the Director that she received a phone call from the Observer-News-Enterprise stating that they had failed to publish a Notice of Election on September 19, 1997. She informed them to publish the Notice on September 26, 1997 and again on September 30, 1997 and October 3, 1997.

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to add the following to the Director's Duties: Any monies received in the Board of Elections Office for filing fees, printouts, etc. should be delivered to the Finance Department at least weekly.

A letter was received from Attorney Gary Corne, concerning the domicile of Joseph Chandler, Mayoral Candidate for the City of Claremont. David Abernethy will draft a response to the letter on behalf of the Board.

There being no further business, motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to adjourn.



 DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Friday, October 3, 1997 at 8:00 A.M. in the office of the Board of Elections. Members present were Albert YOUNT, David Abernethy and Bob Johnson and Director, Flora Belle Abernethy.

Motion was made by Albert YOUNT, seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved to approve the following absentee ballots:

C - 3	
OS - 7	OS - 11
OS - 8	OS - 12
OS - 9	OS - 13
OS - 10	OS - 14

The Board had received a letter from R. Gary Corne, Attorney for Joseph Chandler. The letter requested that the Board give its opinion concerning the domicile of Joseph Chandler. The letter stated that Mr. Chandler had granted possession of the house on Calvin Street to his former spouse for a period of time. The Board responded in a letter dated October 3, 1997, which listed several factors which would need to be considered if a challenge were to be filed, but stated that no formal ruling or opinion could be issued in the absence of a formal challenge.

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to appoint Gretchen Peed as Chief Judge for Precinct #26 Oakland Heights for the October 7, 1997 Hickory City Municipal Primary Ward 6.

There being no further business, motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved to adjourn.



 DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Monday, October 6, 1997 at 5:00 P.M. in the office of the Board of Elections. Members present were Albert Yount, David Abernethy and Bob Johnson and Director, Flora Belle Abernethy.

Motion was made by Albert Yount, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to approve the minutes of September 30, 1997 and October 3, 1997.

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to approve the following absentee ballots for the October 7, 1997 City of Hickory Municipal Ward 6 Primary:

C - 1	C - 2	C - 6
OS - 15	OS - 20	
OS - 16	OS - 21	
OS - 17	OS - 22	
OS - 18	OS - 23	
OS - 19	OS - 24	

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to approve the following absentee application for the November 4, 1997 Municipal and School District Election: C - 12

Only voters in Hickory Ward #6 will be eligible to vote in the October 7, 1997 primary. Hickory Ward #6 is located entirely within Oakland Heights and Viewmont 1 precincts, so voters residing in other precincts will be ineligible to vote in the primary. The Board was informed by the Director that she had, nonetheless, received by telephone a suggestion that signs concerning the primary be posted by the Board in precincts other than Oakland Heights and Viewmont 1. The Board unanimously agreed that such postings were unnecessary, and that interested persons could obtain information concerning the primary from the statutory advertisements which the Board had published.

There being no further business, motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to adjourn.



 DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1997

Director Flora Belle Abernethy and Deputy Director Wanda Mode were on duty in the office of the Board of Elections on Tuesday, October 7, 1997 at 6:00 A.M. to assist precinct officials if needed. Chairman Albert Yount opened up Precinct #26 Oakland Heights, and assisted the precinct officials when needed. Members David Abernethy and Bob Johnson were on call throughout the day.

The Catawba County Board of Elections met in the office of the Board of Elections on Tuesday, October 7, 1997 at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of counting absentee ballots for the City of Hickory Municipal Ward 6 Primary Election. Members present were Albert Yount, David Abernethy and Bob Johnson and Director Flora Belle Abernethy.

There were 29 absentee ballots counted with the results as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ABSENTEE VOTES</u>
TERRI HOLLOMON	15
TONY KEENER	1
PAT MOSS	13

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved to approve the minutes of October 6, 1997.

The Director informed the Board that the One-Stop Absentee Ballots had been omitted from the absentee lists going to the precincts and also from the absentee list sent to the State Board of Elections in Raleigh. This was corrected immediately and sent to the precincts and a copy mailed to the State Board.

Carolyn Huffman was instructed by the Board to go to precinct #26 Oakland Heights to help close the precinct at 7:30 P.M. and to send the results by modem to the Board of Elections Office.

The unofficial results were completed at approximately 7:50 P.M. The Board unanimously adjourned to meet again on Friday, October 10, 1997 at 11:00 A.M.



 DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met in the office of the Board of Elections at 11:00 A.M. on October 10, 1997. The purpose of this meeting was to comply with General Statute 163-175 (to certify the election results at of official canvass). Members present were Albert Yount, David Abernethy, and Bob Johnson and Deputy Director, Wanda Mode.

Motion was made by Albert Yount, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to approve the minutes of October 7, 1997.

The Board unanimously agreed to follow the staff's recommendation in regards to counting the provisional ballots.

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to count the following 6 provisional ballots:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTED AT</u>
RAY C. COMBS	#26 OAKLAND HEIGHTS
CRAIG E. BRELSFORD	#36 VIEWMONT 1
KENNETH R. MESSINGER	#36 VIEWMONT 1
MARY C. BLACKWELDER	#36 VIEWMONT 1
LLOYD F. COLEY, JR	#36 VIEWMONT 1
TAMARA THOMAS COLEY	#36 VIEWMONT 1

There were 4 provisional ballots that were not approved.

The official results of the Canvass stands as follows, including absentee votes:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROVISIONAL BALLOT VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL VOTES</u>
TERRI HOLLOMON	5	452
TONY KEENER	1	45
PATRICIA MCDANIEL (PAT) MOSS	0	348

The total eligible to vote was 4,481. 851 persons voted, a percentage of 19%.

There being no further business, motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to adjourn.

David Abernethy
DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, October 21, 1997 at 8:00 A.M. in the office of the Board of Elections. Present were members Albert Yount, David Abernethy and Bob Johnson and Director, Flora Belle Abernethy.

Motion was made by Albert Yount, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to approve the minutes of October 10, 1997.

Motion was made by Albert Yount, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to approve the following absentee applications:

C - 34	C - 38
C - 35	C - 39
C - 36	C - 40
C - 37	

Wanda Mode informed the Board she received a phone call from Fayetteville Printing and Office Supply Company informing her that the ballots for the municipal and school districts election would be delivered on Wednesday, October 22, 1997 and Thursday, October 23, 1997.

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to appoint the following precinct officials:

PCT.#25 N. NEWTON

PHYLLIS BOLLINGER - CHIEF JUDGE
DORIS WILSON - REPUBLICAN JUDGE
BETTY SIMMONS - DEMOCRAT JUDGE

PCT.#26 OAKLAND HGTS.

RUTH QUEEN - REP.JUDGE

The Director gave the Board a draft of the One-Stop Voting Procedures for their review. The proposed procedure would allow One-Stop voters to deposit their ballots in a voting tabulator machine. After reviewing and revising certain procedures, the Board instructed the Director to FAX them to the State Board of Elections in Raleigh for their approval.

On October 20, 1997 David Abernethy and Albert Yount discussed an informal interview which Mr. Abernethy had given a reporter concerning campaign reporting. The Director had referred the reporter to Mr. Abernethy. Mr. Abernethy informed the reporter that the State Board has the responsibility of oversight of campaign reporting issues.

The Board gave the staff authorization to start calling Republicans to try to fill the position of Chief Judge for Precincts #5 Catawba, #20 Maiden, #28 St. Stephens 1 and #30 Sandy Ridge.

Upon motion of the Chairman the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

The Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 9:30 A.M., and there being no other business unanimously adjourned.

David Abernethy

DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Friday, October 24, 1997 at 8:00 A.M. in the office of the Board of Elections. Present were Albert Yount, David Abernethy and Bob Johnson and Deputy Director, Wanda Mode.

Motion was made by Albert Yount, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to approve the minutes of October 21, 1997.

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved to approve the following absentee applications:

C - 4
 C - 46
 OS - 1 OS - 5
 OS - 2 OS - 6
 OS - 3 OS - 7
 OS - 4 OS - 8

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to appoint the following precinct officials:

PRECINCT #5 CATAWBA
BOYCE CLONINGER - CHIEF JUDGE

PRECINCT #20 MAIDEN
SUE HOUCK - CHIEF JUDGE
IDA KIRKMAN - DEMOCRAT JUDGE

PRECINCT #28 ST.STEPHENS 1
JOAN NOBLE - CHIEF JUDGE
ROBERT (BOB) PARSONS - REPUBLICAN JUDGE

#30 SANDY RIDGE
MARGARET HAHN - CHIEF JUDGE
NEIL BOLICK - REPUBLICAN JUDGE

The Board unanimously approved to change the Tuesday, October 28, 1997 board meeting from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

There being no further business, motion was made by Albert Yount, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to adjourn.



 DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met in the office of the Board of Elections on Tuesday, October 28, 1997 at 3:30 P.M. Present were Albert Yount, David Abernethy and Bob Johnson and Director, Flora Belle Abernethy.

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved to approve the minutes of October 24, 1997.

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to approve the following absentee ballots:

OS - 9 THROUGH OS - 39

C - 52	C - 58
C - 53	C - 59
C - 54	C - 60
C - 55	C - 61
C - 56	C - 62
C - 57	C - 63

The Board unanimously approved the following precinct official:

#9 EAST MAIDEN

FRANCES REINHARDT - REPUBLICAN JUDGE

There being no further business, motion was made by Albert Yount, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to adjourn.



 DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

Friday, October 31, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met in the office of the Board of Elections on Friday, October 31, 1997 at 8:00 A.M. Present were Albert Yount, David Abernethy and Bob Johnson and Director, Flora Belle Abernethy.

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to approve the minutes of October 28, 1997.

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved to approve the following one-stop ballots:

OS - 40 THROUGH OS - 63

There being no further business, motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to adjourn.



DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

Monday, November 3, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Monday, November 3, 1997 at 5:00 P.M. in the office of the Board of Elections. Present were Albert Yount, David Abernethy, Bob Johnson and Director, Flora Belle Abernethy.

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to approve the minutes of October 31, 1997.

Motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved to approve the following absentee applications:

OS - 64 THROUGH OS - 84

CC - 1 CC - 4
CC - 2 CC - 5

Albert Yount informed the Board that Clarice Isenhour, Chief Judge at Precinct #16 Highland, assured him that the precinct would be handicapped accessible for the Municipal and School Districts Election on November 4, 1997.

There being no further business, motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to adjourn.



DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections director and staff were on duty at the office of the Board of Elections on Tuesday, November 4, 1997 at 5:45 A.M. to assist precinct officials if needed. Albert Yount visited some of the precincts, Bob Johnson was on call at the Board of Elections office and David Abernethy visited precincts and was on call at his office until mid-afternoon when he came to the Board of Elections office.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met in the Board of Elections office at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of counting absentee ballots in the Municipal and School Districts Election. The absentee voters' names were entered into the absentee poll book and each was checked by the board members. Each board member signed the poll book.

There were 141 absentee ballots counted with the results as follows:

ABSENTEE VOTES

CITY OF CLAREMONT

MAYOR

JOE CHANDLER	2
WRITE-IN	0

COUNCILMEN

BETTY HEWITT CHANDLER	0
TIMOTHY A. LOWRANCE	2
JULIA C. SETZER	2
WRITE-IN	0
WRITE-IN	0

CITY OF CONOVER

MAYOR

BRUCE R. ECKARD	4
WRITE-IN	0

COUNCILMEN

G. GARFIELD CLINE	3
RICHARD GRANT	0
PAUL E. HEADRICK	4
RICHARD H. HERMAN	0
WRITE-IN	0
WRITE-IN	0

CITY OF HICKORY**MAYOR**

WALKER C. ADERHOLDT	28
WILLIAM R. (BILL) MCDONALD III	45
WRITE-IN	0

ALDERMAN - WARD NO. 4

Z. ANN HOYLE	40
LARRY POPE	33
WRITE-IN	0

ALDERMAN - WARD NO. 5

SALLY MULLEN FOX	54
WRITE-IN	3

ALDERMAN - WARD NO. 6

TERRI HOLLOMON	33
PATRICIA MCDANIEL (PAT) MOSS	39
WRITE-IN	0

TOWN OF MAIDEN

BOB SMYRE	5
WRITE-IN	1

COUNCIL

KENT M. AUTON	2
TWYLA B. BARKLEY	4
BILL CASHION	1
ZANE R. HUDSON	8
GEORGE MCCLELLAN	5
WRITE-IN	0
WRITE-IN	0
WRITE-IN	0

CITY OF NEWTON**MAYOR**

WAYNE DELLINGER	15
H. TOM ROWE	33
WRITE-IN	0

ALDERMEN

JOE ABERNETHY	35
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COLE A. GAITHER	29
THOMAS C. HURLEY	7
MARY BESS LAWING	15
REVONDA M. SEITZ	11
JIM STOCKNER	29
WRITE-IN	0
WRITE-IN	0
WRITE-IN	0

**HICKORY ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL
UNIT - MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WARD NO. 1	
NANCY R. MEEK	9
WRITE-IN	0

WARD NO. 2	
SARAH M. W. TALBERT	11
WRITE-IN	0

WARD NO. 3	
GLORIA S. HEMPHILL	0
WRITE-IN	0

WARD NO. 4	
(UNEXPIRED TERM)	
VANESSA EVANS LINEBARGER	1
WRITE-IN	0

WARD NO. 5	
SAM MARCUM	1
LYNN NASH	4
WRITE-IN	0

**NEWTON-CONOVER CITY ADMINISTRATIVE
SCHOOL UNIT**

CONOVER DISTRICT	
H. KENNETH BECHTEL	4
WRITE-IN	0

NEWTON DISTRICT	
ELIZABETH (LIBBA) GAITHER	25

RANDY ISENHOWER	21
SAM MCREE	21
WRITE-IN	0
WRITE-IN	0

The Town of Brookford, Catawba and Long View had no absentees to be counted.

The board members were present in the board office at 7:30 P.M. to receive results.

The accumulative totals were displayed on the monitors in the 2nd floor conference room of the Government Center.

The unofficial precinct results were completed at approximately 9:15 P.M. The board unanimously adjourned to meet again on Friday, November 7, 1997 at 11:00 A.M. for Canvass.

DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met on Friday, November 7, 1997 at 11:00 A.M. The purpose of the meeting was to comply with N.C. General Statute 163-75 (to certify the election results of November 4, 1997 at an official canvass). Present were Albert Yount, David Abernethy, Bob Johnson, Director, Flora Belle Abernethy, staff members Wanda Mode and Linda Mundy. Also attending were Mitchell Setzer, Bob Allen, Ann Lowrance, Peggy Brotherton, residents of the Town of Catawba, Cheryl Nash, Sam Marcum, and several members of the news media.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Albert Yount. Mr. Yount informed the board of two (2) requests for a recount. The first was from Norman Cook, Sr., Candidate for Mayor in Long View and the second being from Lynn Nash, Candidate for Hickory City School Ward 5. (Copy of both requests attached.)

The board agreed to begin the canvass by counting provisional ballots from the Town of Catawba since several concerned citizens were present. After the board reviewed the provisional ballots, motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved to count Catawba Provisional Ballots 1,2, 3 & 7. After counting the provisional ballots in Catawba, the board concluded the results would remain the same. The following provisional ballots counted for the Town of Catawba are as follows:

JOYCE S. FOLGER
SEAN ROBERT LINEBERGER
GWENDOLYN FOUST MCGILL
MARY ELLA CONNOR

David Abernethy asked Sam Marcum, Hickory City School Ward 5 Candidate, if he had received a copy of Lynn Nash's petition. Mr. Marcum informed the board that he had not seen the petition. Albert Yount asked that a copy of the petition be made and given to Mr. Marcum.

Albert Yount asked if Norman Cook, Sr. was present or if anyone on his behalf was present. Director, Flora Belle Abernethy informed the board that she had talked with Mr. Cook and informed him that there would not be a recount today. The board told the Director to get in touch with Mr. Cook and give him an opportunity to be in attendance in the event a recount in Long View would be granted. Mr. Cook was contacted and appeared before the Board.

The board continued to review the remaining provisional ballots. The provisional ballots that were counted are as follows:

ANTHONY J. LEHN
ERIC DEJONG HODGE

JUDY G. MAULDIN
PETER MICHAEL HUNT

DAVID H. BYERS
SYLVIA K. BYERS
KATHRYN SHARON BLACKWELL
MELISSA N. CULBREATH
NURIA CULBREATH
JAMES HARRIS
LUTHER L. KELLER, JR
JAMES CHARLES KOZBIEL
LEIGH M. WHITE
DEBORAH JOYCE TYSON
DARIUS RAY DEAL
RAY C. COMBS
ANGELA WILLIAMS CLARK
ELIZABETH B. WEEKS - COUNTED
MUNICIPAL ONLY
GARY D. FULBRIGHT
JAMES B. MAULDIN, JR
SAMUEL WHITENER

WALTER E. SINGLETARY
LARRY JOE CHAPMAN
JULIA P. ALLEN
COLEMAN DEAN SETZER
DARLENE HOMES HECTOR
KIM L. BRYANT- COUNTED
MUNICIPAL ONLY
DAVID CRAIG HAMILTON, JR.
JUDITH DAWN KELLER
NELLIE R. ECKARD
J.T. PREVATT III
JEWITT MADARIS - COUNTED
MUNICIPAL ONLY
JOHN D. LEE III
MARVIN DANIEL ASHBY
MELISSA THOMPSON HAGER
JENNIFER BASS

The 40 counted provisional ballots were then placed and sealed in the Provisional Ballot Box.

The 7 provisional ballots that were not counted are as follows:

CORENE G. SHERRILL
FRED D. MILLER
LIDIANA PINDIC-BLAJ
NO NAME ON ENVELOPE

EVERETTE JAMES MOTEN
LEON HOOVER
PATRICIA HEFNER

The board recessed at 1:00 P.M. and reconvened at 1:40 P.M. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Let the records show that the request of a recount in the Long View Mayoral race by Norman Cook, Sr. was filed on November 5, 1997 at 11:58 A.M. This request was filed before the official canvass.

The Board then took up the request by Mr. Cook.

David Abernethy proceeded to explain to Mr. Cook that the board, in considering any complaint concerning the conduct of an election, operates under administrative rules set out by the State Board of Elections. The complaint said Mr. Cook wanted a recount but did not state why one was requested. Mr. Cook said he was not complaining about any irregularities. Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved that Mr. Cook's request for a recount did not establish probable cause to believe that any violation of election laws or that any irregularities or misconduct had occurred. The Board then dismissed the complaint by Mr. Cook under N.C. Administrative Code Title 8, Chapter 2.0002(a)(2).

The second complaint for a recount was filed by Lynn Nash, Candidate Hickory City School Ward 5, on November 6, 1997. Cheryl Nash, Lynn Nash's wife, was representing Mr. Nash at the canvass. Mrs. Nash informed the board that she was told that some voters were given the wrong ballot due to the fact that they were put in the wrong school ward. The Board first reviewed Mrs. Nash's reference to a registration printout she had received erroneously listing several voters in non-ward 5 precincts, as coded for ward 5. The Board found that these listings could not have affected the election, as these precincts received no ward 5 ballots. Mrs. Nash's concerns on how the votes were counted and the results tabulated were limited to precinct #26 Oakland Heights. In checking the returns for #26 Oakland Heights the board did not see any obvious error on the face of the returns. However, it is within the board's power to recount any outstack if they feel it necessary. Mrs. Nash requested the board recount the outstack. In view of allegations and problems in precinct #26 Oakland Heights, the board unanimously agreed to recount the outstack simply to eliminate a possible source of error and to make the issues clearer. After the board recounted the outstack, the precinct results, including both tabulated and outstack votes are as follows:

Sam Marcum	91
Lynn Nash	224

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to count the outstack in Precinct #20 Maiden as the precinct officials had failed to do so. The Board then recounted the #20 precinct outstack.

Motion was made by David Abernethy, seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to allow Lynn Nash a hearing based on the other allegations brought by Mr. Nash. Motion was made by David Abernethy seconded by Albert Yount and unanimously approved to schedule the hearing for Wednesday, November 12, 1997 at 1:00 P.M.

The Board completed reviewing the precinct returns. After doing so, it was unanimously approved by the board members that the Municipal and School Districts Election of November 4, 1997 was officially certified, with the exception of Hickory City School Ward 5.

The official results of the canvass stands as follows: (the 141 absentees are included in totals)

TOWN OF BROOKFORD MUNICIPAL

Mayor

Gaither Charles Hefner	27
Write-In	14

Aldermen

Darlene C. Radford	14
Robert Wayne Reinhardt	35
Robert J. Smith	37
Eulon E. Warren	20

Write-In	2
Write-In	1

TOWN OF CATAWBA MUNICIPAL

Mayor	
Mitchell S. Setzer	181
Write-In	3

Commissioners	
Robert J. (Bob) Allen	122
Jeff Isenhour	119
Thomas H. Jones	107
Write-In	1
Write-In	1

CITY OF CLAREMONT

Mayor	
Joe Chandler	63
Write-In Glenn Morrison	167

Councilmen	
Betty Hewitt Chandler	85
Timothy A. Lowrance	190
Julia C. Setzer	206
Write-In	2
Write-In	1

CITY OF CONOVER

Mayor	
Bruce R. Eckard	692
Write-In	38

Councilmen	
G. Garfield Cline	492
Richard Grant	357
Paul E. Headrick	499
Richard H. Herman	233
Write-In	0
Write-In	0

CITY OF HICKORY

Mayor	
Walker C. Aderholdt	1774
William R. (Bill) McDonald III	4078
Write-In	19

Alderman Ward No. 4	
Z. Ann Hoyle	3678
Larry Pope	2030
Write-In	18

Alderman Ward No. 5	
Sally Mullen Fox	4730
Write-In	143

Alderman Ward No. 6	
Terri Hollomon	2681
Patricia McDaniel (Pat) Moss	3128
Write-In	9

TOWN OF LONG VIEW

Mayor	
Norman E. Cook	241
Randall M. Mays	73
Burl Winebarger	266
Write-In	5

Alderman Ward No. 2	
Grady D. Crump	55
Write-In	2

Alderman Ward No. 5	
Kenneth E. Bumgarner	81
Write-In	4

TOWN OF MAIDEN

Mayor	
Bob Smyre	354
Write-In	30

Council	
Kent M. Auton	309
Twyla B. Barkley	247
Bill Cashion	91
Zane R. Hudson	310
George McClellan	230
Write-In	2
Write-In	1
Write-In	1

CITY OF NEWTON

Mayor	
Wayne Dellinger	1090
H. Tom Rowe	1053
Write-In	16

Aldermen	
Joe Abernethy	1332
Cole A. Gaither	1060
Thomas C. Hurley	652
Mary Bess Lawing	1112
Revonda M. Seitz	717
Jim Stockner	669
Write-In Dianne Davidson	406
Write-In	16
Write-In	6

HICKORY ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL UNIT

Ward No. 1	
Nancy R. Meek	833
Write-In	11

Ward No. 2	
Sarah M.W. Talbert	863
Write-In	14

Ward No. 3	
Gloria S. Hemphill	443
Write-In	12

Ward No. 4 (Unexpired Term)	
Vanessa Evans Linebarger	469
Write-In	

*Ward No. 5	
Sam Marcum	379
Lynn Nash	356
Write-In	0

*Was not certified at this time due to hearing scheduled for November 12, 1997.

**NEWTON CONOVER ADMINISTRATIVE
SCHOOL UNIT**

Conover District	
H. Kenneth Bechtel	664
Write-In	17

Newton District	
Elizabeth (Libba) Gaither	873
Randy Isenhower	1198
Sam McRee	957
Write-In	2
Write-In	1

The total eligible to vote ws 40,705. 10,493 persons voted, a percentage of 25.78%.

There being no further business, motion was made by Bob Johnson, seconded by David Abernethy and unanimously approved to adjourn.

DAVID ABERNETHY, SECRETARY

CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES
November 12, 1997

The Catawba County Board of Elections met Wednesday, November 12, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. for a called meeting in the Board of Elections office with the following members attending: Chairperson Albert M. Yount, Secretary David Abernethy and Robert Johnson. Monte Simmons of the Observer-News-Enterprise was present for most of the meeting. Director of the Board of Elections, Flora Belle Abernethy, was present and recorded the minutes.

Chairperson Yount called the meeting to order and stated the meeting had been called originally in response to the petition by the Hickory City Schools Board of Education Ward 5 candidate, Lynn Nash. Mr. Yount further stated since Mr. Nash, in a letter sent to the board, had formally withdrawn his request for the hearing, there was no reason to continue with discussion. Mr. Abernethy concurred. Mr. Johnson thought there was no reason for public response from the board. The board agreed if any list of voters in question in the Oakland Heights precinct would be presented to the Board of Elections, we would need to respond.

Mr. Abernethy suggested the staff consider the format by which the provisional ballots are presented and reviewed by the board. Dividing the list of names into categories or by some classification might help. Mrs. Abernethy stated the precinct officials provided few provisional ballots and the process may be working effectively.

Mr. Abernethy also mentioned some of the illustrations in our instructional booklet, such as the one explaining the BRC tabulator, could be improved. He has seen a patent of instructions dealing with the tabulators that can be copied and would be easier for precinct officials to understand. He will order it at cost for the office. Mrs. Abernethy informed the board she hopes most of the instructional booklet will be updated before the next election. Mr. Yount agreed the book needed some editing.

Mrs. Abernethy addressed the possibility of GIS providing an enlarged precinct/ward map in the areas which are problems in assigning the correct district. A map of this type could help prevent the voter from receiving the wrong ballot. Mr. Abernethy suggested this be done throughout the county in all 40 precincts. Mrs. Abernethy further stated the GIS system by which voters are assigned to their precincts is not 100% accurate, and neither is the program used by Lincoln County. This does create some concern.

Mrs. Abernethy was complimentary of the staff and their efforts in conducting the November 4 election. Chairman Yount agreed and expressed pleasure in how quickly the returns were received, even though there was a problem with a couple of telephone lines dialing in. These lines will be tested more thoroughly before the next election.

The board noted their appreciation of the staff's analytical, intelligent and co-operative support

through this past election and appeal process.

The board was in agreement that the instructional meetings need reviewing and to be given closer observation in some problem areas.

Mr. Yount made the motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Following the executive session, the board came back into regular session.

The minutes of the November 3, 1997 meeting of the board were approved.

Respectfully submitted,

David Abernethy, Secretary
Catawba County Board of Elections

November 25, 1997

Hora Belle Abernethy, Director
Catawba County Board of Elections

This is to inform you of my resignation
effective December 31, 1997.

I would like to work the first two weeks
of December and take vacation the remaining
two weeks.

Thank you,

Opida L. Mundy