

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
May 20, 1999

Chairman Yount called the meeting to order. Abernethy reported that the elections office needs more space, but we don't know whether we will move as the county expands its offices.

The staff is going back through all the registration information to verify precinct lines and descriptions to make sure they are accurate, and to take care of discrepancies we already know about. The staff has already gone through the precinct lines for the school systems, and we have decided to go by the tax information to take care of all discrepancies.

Larry Brewer joined the meeting to discuss the issue of some of the precinct lines. Some are not calculated using natural boundaries, and some lines go through houses. We are in the process of attempting to correct some of these problems. Yount moved to accept the clarified precinct boundaries and map, which was seconded by Hood and passed.

Abernethy reported that we still hope to have the new statewide election system up and running by the time of the local primaries, but there are no guaranties.

Abernethy reported that the county is recommending \$100,000.00 this year in the budget for voting equipment, and \$200,000.00 the next two years each. The staff has already been looking at some voting machines, including some which use touch screens. The machines would be expensive, possibly 1 million dollars or more.

Hood moved to have the Board go into closed session to discuss matters of personnel. Upon the conclusion of the closed session, Abernethy was directed to consult with the county's personnel office regarding possible job descriptions for deputy directors. Chairman Yount adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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June 17, 1999

Chairman Yount called the meeting to order. Abernethy reported that a company had been hired to clean up the old files for registration purposes. Many addresses needed to be updated, the office mailed out 6,000 or so cards for update purposes. We are in the process of downloading all our information to Raleigh. We may meet our goal of finishing this process by June 18. We have been helped greatly by some of the people through the Repay program, and this saved us money as well.

The elections office got what it wanted in the budget process except for approximately \$1,000.00. Money has been set aside for new equipment, but we are not sure whether we can replace the equipment by the 2000 election.

The Board discussed possible changes in precinct locations in College Park and Sweetwater, but no official action has yet been taken.

Yount moved for the Board to go into closed session, seconded by Hood which passed.

Upon return to open session, Hood moved, seconded by Johnson, that Larry Brewer be appointed to assume responsibilities of the Director of the Board of Elections in the absence or unavailability of the Director. This motion passed. Abernethy was directed to inform the staff. Chairman Yount then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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July 20, 1999

Secretary Hood called the meeting to order. Hood and Johnson were sworn in by the Clerk of Superior Court, Barbara Towery. Hood then moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Johnson and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
July 26, 1999

Secretary Hood called the meeting to order. Allen W. Wood, III was sworn in as a member of the Board of Elections by District Court Judge David Abernethy. Johnson then moved to appoint Allen Wood as Chairman, which was seconded by Hood and passed. Johnson then moved to make Hood Secretary, which was seconded by Wood and passed.

The Board then discussed the census review of precinct maps. Precinct lines have to be moved in Oakland Heights, to reconcile with the census map and run along the water line. The line between the Claremont and Catawba precincts had to be shifted due to a correction which came about during the census review. Johnson moved to accept the changes to the precinct lines, which was seconded by Hood and passed.

The Board then discussed the issue of reviewing absentee ballots. Johnson moved to change the time to review absentee ballots from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., which was seconded by Hood and passed. The Board then had a discussion about recruiting precinct judges. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
August 13, 1999

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The list of precinct officials was approved by motion of Johnson, seconded by Hood.

The Board then discussed the fact that ITC can no longer print the books of registered voters, which will cost the Board \$100.00 each per election if contracted out. The Board determined that the issue was not a big deal in 1999, but would certainly need to be dealt with before the fall 2000 election. Abernethy brought up the fact that our current Kardveyor is full, so we will be faced with the choice of either getting a new \$30,000.00 machine or doing something else. The Board determined that we could get by for the 1999 election, but that we would need something for next time. We will still need a new machine even after the statewide system comes completely into effect.

The Board then discussed the issue of which precincts in Ward 2 of Hickory need to be open for the primary election. Since there are only a few people affected in Precinct 29, there was some discussion about having them vote at Precinct 30. Thus, the precinct locations which need to be open for the primary would be 16, 30, 33, 38 and 39. Johnson moved that this be accepted by the Board, which was seconded by Hood and passed.

Abernethy informed the Board that she would be scheduling a small instructional meeting for the primary since it is required, but that it would be a smaller, less involved meeting than for a normal election. The Board then approved the format of the ballot for the Hickory primary election.

The Board further approved the ballot format for the November city elections except for the

school system races since that filing period does not begin until today. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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September 14, 1999

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The minutes of the meetings from July 20, July 26, and August 13 were approved upon motion by Johnson, seconded by Wood.

Flora Belle Abernathy then reported on several items to the Board. Invitations for the reception for Albert Yount have been sent out to approximately 150 people. The statewide SEIMS Program is still being slowly implemented. The legal notice of the upcoming election was approved upon motion by Johnson, seconded by Hood. Abernathy reported that the office was ready for the upcoming election, and that the ballots will be done early. Wood moved, seconded by Hood, to allow the Director to fill precinct official positions as needed for the upcoming election. Abernathy reported that instructional meeting dates have been set for October 12, October 14 and October 19. The Board approved absentee application number 1 and one stop voting application number 1. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MEETINGS OF
OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
September 28, 1999

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The Board approved applications OS2 and OS3 and OS4. Abernathy reported that the statewide system still has significant problems. Ward 2 cannot be separated correctly until September 27. Abernathy also reported that a batch of late cards from DMV came in on September 27. The Board moved to change the meeting scheduled for September 29 to 4 p.m., shortly before the reception for Albert Yount. Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MEETINGS OF
OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
September 29, 1999

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. Hood was not in attendance. Applications OS5 and OS6 were approved. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MEETINGS OF
OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
October 4, 1999

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The Board approved applications OS7 through OS11. The pollbook for the primary was reviewed and approved by all in attendance. Chairman Wood then closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MEETINGS OF
OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
October 5, 1999

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The following applications were approved: C1 through C3 and M1. The Board then tallied the absentee results. Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MEETINGS OF
OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
October 8, 1999

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The Board proceeded to canvas the results of the Hickory Primary held on October 5, 1999. Johnson moved, seconded by Hood, to open the box for Precinct Number 30 to determine if the out stack had been counted. The Board determined that the ballots had not been properly counted, and counted the five ballots in the out stack and added them to the total for Precinct 30. Hood moved to count all seven provisional ballots, with numbers 33-1, 33-2, 38-1, 39-1, 39-2, 39-3, and 39-4. These ballots were then tabulated. Upon the completion of the official canvas of the results from the Hickory Primary, the Board determined that Wayne Hicks received 80 votes, Bruce Meisner received 286 votes and Wilfred Wells received 332 votes. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MEETINGS OF
OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
October 15, 1999

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. Johnson moved, seconded by Hood, to schedule the counting of absentee ballots for 5 p.m. on November 2. Abernathy reported that the instructional meeting on October 14 had gone very well. She also reported that the SEIMS system is still not ready with updated addresses and codes. The following applications were approved for the general election: OS1 through OS3 and C11 through C13. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MEETINGS OF
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October 25, 1999

Secretary Hood called the meeting to order. Chairman Wood was not in attendance. The following applications were approved: OS4, and OS6 through OS24. OS5 was unsigned by the voter, and Hood took the application to see if he could contact the voter for her signature. Abernathy discussed the fact that the monitors upstairs are somewhat dim and illegible, and are not repairable. Abernathy proposed with the consent of the Board to leave them off during the election and just use computer monitors. Abernathy reported that there were 30 precincts open for the election on November 2. Secretary Hood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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October 27, 1999

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The minutes of the meetings from September 14, September 28, September 29, October 4, October 5, October 8, October 15, and October 25 were approved upon motion by Wood, seconded by Johnson.

The following absentee applications were approved: OS-5, OS-25 through 39, C41 and C42. Flora Belle Abernathy reported that a couple of precinct workers who had been scheduled have had to cancel out, but have been replaced. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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November 1, 1999

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The following absentee applications were approved: C4 through C8, C10, C14 through C24, C26 through C30, C34 through C40, CC1 through CC3, and OS-40 through OS-65 (including OS-62B). The Board authorized two precinct workers who were working at a precinct other than their own to vote first at 6:30 a.m. on Election Day, then to report directly to the precinct at which they are working. The staff reported all precinct machines had been logic tested, including those from Precincts 4 (406624), 5 (406896), 6 (406615) and 7 (406649). Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
November 2, 1999

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The Board tallied the results from the central and absentee precincts. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
November 5, 1999

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The Board began its canvas of the November 2 election results. Hood moved, with Johnson seconding, to count the following provisional ballots: Numbers 1, 2, and 4 in Precinct 5, provisional ballot Number 1 of the following precincts: 6, 15, 19, 25, 34, and 40; provisional ballot numbers 1 through 3 in Precinct 33; provisional ballot numbers 1 and 2 in Precinct 35; and provisional ballot numbers 2 and 4 in Precinct 38. Hood moved, with Johnson seconding, that the following provisional ballots not be counted because there is no current registration in Catawba County. Provisional ballot number 3 in Precinct 5, provisional ballot number 4 in Precinct 33, and provisional ballot numbers 1 and 3 in Precinct 38. The Board then tallied the results of the provisional ballots to add to the official canvas.

The Board then canvassed the results of the Town of Catawba Town Council race in Precinct 5, with two of the candidates present. The Board certified the election of the write-in candidate, Jake Abernathy, as one of the two prevailing candidates in that race. The Board then canvassed the results of the Newton Conover School Board race between Moser and Clark, with Moser present, and after having canvassed the results in Precincts 6, 7, 8, and 33 declared Fielding Clark the winner in that race. The Board then canvassed the results in Precincts 9 and 20 to determine the results of the race in the Town of Maiden, as well as Precinct 17 for the results in the Long View Town Council race. The Board then canvassed all precinct results. The Board authorized opening the ballots from Precincts 25 and 36 to count the out stake in both precincts, which apparently were not counted on election night. The Board then resealed all boxes and compiled an official canvas of the

November 2, 1999 results, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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November 10, 1999

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. Upon a valid request by candidate Sharon Sipe, the Board undertook a recount of the Maiden Town Council race. The following precinct boxes were opened for the recount: Precincts 34, 9, 20, 42 and 44. Upon a recount, the Board determined there was one less vote than in the November 5 canvas for candidate Shelton, but that the other results remained the same with Sharon Sipe losing the race by 4 votes.

Hood moved, with Wood seconding, to replace Pamela Farmer as a precinct worker in Precinct 40 because she did not have a valid reason for failing to appear at the election on November 2. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary