

MINUTES OF  
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
February 11, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. Flora Belle reported that a full candidate list was not available. She also reported that she had recent meeting with some other elections directors from nearby counties to come up with a list of problems to report to the SEIMS people. She further reported that the Board can no longer print out labels for candidates or campaign as we have done before, because of the new state system, but that we would provide as much as we could to those who request voter information.

The Board approved, by motion of Wood with Hood seconding, the change of voting location from College Park Middle School to St Andrews Lutheran Church in the College Park precinct.

By change of state law, one-stop voting will now be "excuse-free" which may result in more one-stop voters in the next election. The Board also discussed meeting dates for election workers before the May election.

Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
April 11, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. Given the health status, Flora Belle Abernethy is not working full-time, and Acting Director Larry Brewer took her place at this meeting. It was reported to the Board that Claremont had authorized a liquor-by-the-drink referendum on or about March 30. Hood successfully made the motion, with Johnson seconding, to have this referendum at the same time as the expected run-off election on May 30, and to approved the language of legal ads and ballot for the May 30 referendum.

The following absentee ballots were approved for the May 2 election:

OS 1,2,3,4,5; CIV 21,23,27,36; and M 7.

Chairman Wood reported that he and Larry Brewer had been involved in the county budget process, particularly the Board's request for an additional staff member. There is also some talk in the county of a possible Bond referendum next Spring. Brewer further reported that there are about 1200 voters who cannot be entered into the state system although they are valid voters. We are still working on this problem. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
April 18, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The following absentees were approved:  
OS 6 through 23; CIV 11,48,45,31,49,56,19,24,25,78,55; and M 2.. Chairman Wood then adjourned  
the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
April 25, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. Acting Director Brewer reported that there is a problem in some of the registration books for the May 2 election - some people have been listed twice, and some birthdays are listed wrong. It had been determined that if someone tries to vote where they are already listed as having voted but are listed twice in the book, the worker is to call the Elections Board for guidance or allow the person to vote a provisional ballot.

Brewer further reported that the "Reject List", of persons who are validly registered but whose addresses will not be accepted by the state system for some reason, is not printing correctly for use on May 2. Ray is working with the state on this problem.

The following absentees were approved: OS 24 through 70; CIV 15,66,77,67,28,37,34,56,44,43,14,53,84,47,82,80. Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
May 1, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The board agreed, by motion of Hood seconded by Wood, to allow Betty Newsome, OS122, to vote one-stop because she agreed at the last minute to work out-of-precinct in the May 2 election. The following absentees were approved: OS 71 through 101, 103 through 122; M 6,39,40; and CIV 9,12,16,17,20,22,26,29,30,31,33,41,46,50,52,54,58,59,60,61,63,64,65,176,162,147,123,122,121, 119,116,115,114,112,111,107,105,104,85,83,79,76,75,69,68. CIV 117 was disapproved because there was no witness. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
May 2, 2000

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

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
May 5, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. First, the Board decided which provisional ballots to count - the following were counted: Scott Eugene Johnson, Joe Herman Schell, Sharon O'Brien, Diana Styles, Daisy Reese, Betty Sigmon Moose, Jonathan Paul Powers, Robin S. Baker, Elaine D. Dietz, Myra Linebarger Shronce, And Hoyle Leon Hoover. The remaining provisional ballots were not counted.

The Board continued its canvass of the May 2 election by examining the out-stacks and other records from four precincts that had numbers which did not match between the three tally sheets - N.Newton, Maiden, Long View N, and Kenworth. The Board then canvassed the results of all precincts and directed the staff to produce the written canvass according to the Board's instructions. The Chairman then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
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May 29, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. Minutes for the meetings of 11/1/99, 11/2/99, 11/5/99, 11/10/99, 2/11/2000, 4/11/2000, 4/18/200, 4/25/2000, 5/1/2000, 5/2/2000, and 5/5/2000 were approved by motion of Johnson, seconded by Wood. Johnson successfully moved, seconded by Wood to approve the following absentee applications for the Claremont liquor by the drink vote of May 30. C-1, C-2 and OS 1 through OS 4. The motion also included approval of the following absentee ballots for the May 30 runoff election: OC 2 through 16, CIV 6, 7, 15, 16, 17, 26, 29, 31, 32, 43 and 44.

Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
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June 2, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. Secretary Hood was not in attendance. The Board conducted its official canvas of the results from the May 30 runoff election and liquor by the drink referendum in Claremont, and tallied the official results. At the conclusion of this process, Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
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May 30, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The Board members opened the absentee ballots for the runoff election and liquor by the drink referendum in Claremont and tallied the results. At the conclusion of this process, Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
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July 7, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. Acting Director Brewer reported that in general the office is ready for the November election. He reported that there were still approximately 1,600 names on the "Geo Code List". The IT department intends to hire an extra person to help remedy the problem for the upcoming election.

Brewer further reported that the office was keeping up with the new registrations. He said he would update the training manual before the instructional meetings in October. He also reported that, with respect to hiring for the new staff position, he had narrowed the search down to four people whom Brewer would interview next week. The Board agreed that it might want to become directly involved in the process when the candidates are reduced to two for the one open staff position.

Brewer finally reported that voter information is now available to candidates and others on disc. Brewer will investigate which software is being used so that we can make this fact known to those interested in the data.

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MINUTES OF  
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July 27, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The Board first congratulated Larry Brewer for accepting the job of Director. This will become official upon the approval of the State Board in Raleigh.

Brewer reported that the Geo Code problem would not be completely fixed by the November election. There is just not enough staff and ITC time to take care of the problem. Brewer also reported that precinct officials in Sherrills Ford are requesting that the voting take place at the elementary school rather than the building next door to the elementary school. The Board will try to work to get this done before the November election.

Brewer reported on his search to fill the two available staff positions in the office. Out of 13 original applications, his recommendation was to hire Rebecca Buff and Doug Young to fill the positions. Hood moved, with Wood seconding the motion, to offer the two positions to Rebecca Buff and Doug Young. Johnson opposed this motion. The motion further allowed that if one or the other of the two applicants does not accept the offers, then the process would be re-opened to fill the positions.

Finally, Brewer proposed that there be a \$25.00 charge for giving out voter information on a CD to those interested. Johnson moved to approve this policy, seconded by Wood and approved unanimously.

Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
September 5, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. Member Johnson was not in attendance. A written description of the Director's position was approved by Hood's motion, seconded by Wood. The ballot proof for November was also approved by the Board. The following dates have been decided for instructional meetings: October 17 at 4 p.m., October 19 at 6 p.m., October 24 at 4 p.m., October 26 at 9 a.m. The volunteers involved in the "kids voting" program will also be welcome at the instructional meetings.

The Board also set the following meeting dates and times to approve absentee ballots: October 17 at 5 p.m., October 24 at 5 p.m., October 31 at 5 p.m., and November 7 at 2 p.m.

Finally, the Board approved by Wood's motion and seconded by Hood to establish the one-stop no-excuse voting for 8 o'clock a.m. to 5 o'clock p.m. for the 3 weeks preceding the election. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
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October 3, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. Brewer reported that the printing of ballots began today. Also, the no-excuse one-stop voting begins October 16. Upon motion of Wood, seconded by Johnson, the Board approved having expanded hours for the no-excuse one-stop voting until 6 p.m. on weekdays, and having Saturday hours on October 21 and 28. The Board then went over the suggested outline for the topics to be covered in the instructional meetings.

Finally, the Board approved the following absentee ballot applications: C-125 through C-129, C-163 through C-181, C-205 through C-213, C-222 through C-225, C-227, and M-12 through M-13. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
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October 17, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. Secretary Hood was not in attendance. The following absentee ballot applications were approved: C-398, C-401 through C-409, C-446 through C-463, C-470 through C-473, C-475 through C-477, C-491 through C-506, C-535, C-538, C-541, C-548, C-582 through C-584. Application CIV-42 needs to be sent back to the voter because it did not contain the voter's signature.

The Board also approved, upon motion of Johnson and seconded by Wood to allow the Sherrills Ford precinct to vote in the gym instead of the adjoining house for this election only. This is not to be considered a permanent change of polling place since it involves the same overall facility in the same parking lot. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
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October 24, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The following absentee applications were approved: C-480, C-597 through C-617, C-622 through C-625, C-627 through C-634, C-638, C-640 through C-645, C-648 through C-666, C-744 through C-748, C-758 through C-763, and C-767. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary





MINUTES OF  
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October 31, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The following absentee applications were approved unanimously: C-890, C-896, C-897, C-899, C-909, C-910, C-912, C-914, C-1026, C-1028, C-1030, C-1032, C-1040, C-1043, C-1046, C-1047, C-1051, C-1052, C-1056, C-1062, C-1083, C-1109, C-1111, C-1112, C-1134, C-1194, C-1199, C-1316 through 1318, C-1320, C-1322 through C-1324, C-1200, C-1202, C-1220, C-1244, C-1245, C-1254, C-1256, C-1260, C-1262 through C-1267, C-1280, C-1285 through 1289, C-1291, C-1293 through C-1297, C-1299, C-1300, C-1306, C-1308, C-1309, C-1325, C-1326, C-1328, and C-1337.

Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
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November 6, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The no-excuse voting has been a success, with approximately 6,315 total voters. The applications for each of these voters were unanimously approved. In addition, the following absentee applications were approved unanimously: CC-1 through CC-4, and C-1406 through C-1409. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
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November 7, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. Brewer reported that Democratic Judge Mr. Johnson of Precinct 25 is ill. By unanimous vote, the Board appointed Corie Coley to complete that term in Precinct 25. The Board members remained present during the first couple of hours after the polls closed. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting there being no further business for the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
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November 10, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The Board first ruled on provisional ballot applications. As a preliminary matter, the Board ruled that for Precinct 2, none of the provisional ballots were put into the appropriate envelopes with each voters name. As such, the Board cannot determine which ballot goes with which voter and thus cannot count any provisional ballots in Precinct 2. With respect to Precinct 8, the Board discovered that the ballots were not in the provisional ballot envelopes, and surmised that the ballots had been fed through the tabulator. As such, no further action can take place upon the provisional applications in Precinct 8. With respect to the remaining provisional ballot applications, the Board unanimously adopted the staff's recommendations as to each provisional ballot. The provisional ballots were then placed into the machine to be tabulated, and any out stack provisional ballots were then added to the totals.

The Board continued with the canvas procedure of checking the three tally sheets against each other. Several precincts required further investigation by the Board as follows: Precinct numbers 2, 4, 7, 13, 16, 22, 26, 34 and 37 apparently hand counted more of the out stack ballots than simply the striped ballots, and thus the Board had to recount the out stacks in each of these precincts. Precinct numbers 12, 23, 24 and 27 did not count their out stacks at all, so the Board had to count the out stacks to add to the tabulated totals. Precinct numbers 20 and 28 counted only the write in ballots in their out stacks rather than counting the striped ballots, so the Board had to count the striped ballots to add that to the tabulated totals.

To complete the canvas procedure, the Board counted absentee ballots which came in to the office on election day, if such ballots were properly signed with two witnesses on the envelope. The ballots were counted only for the race of President of the United States, not for any other race. The

Board also officially tabulated the write in totals for President of the United States, which were 1 vote for McReynolds. Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting before the entire canvas procedure was completed due to time, with the Board to reconvene on Monday, November 13, 2000 at 12 p.m. to complete the canvas.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
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November 13, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The Board continued the canvas procedure, in particular the counting of out stacks from various precincts as identified in the Minutes of the previous meeting. On the completion of this process, the official canvas results were tabulated and transmitted as required by law. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
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November 20, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The Board began the recount as requested by the State Board of Elections in the race for Commissioner of Labor and the Court of Appeals race between Tyson and Fuller. After the recount procedure was complete, the Board unanimously decided to report the recounted figures in each precinct. The recount procedure yielded the following additional votes for each candidate: 6 more votes for Doug Burger, 4 more votes for Cherie Berry, 9 more votes for Jim Fuller, and 3 more votes for John Tyson. This process was not completed by the end of business on November 20, so Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting to be reconvened on November 21. Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF  
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November 21, 2000

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The recount procedure was completed, with the results as listed in the minutes of the November 20 meeting. Wood moved, seconded by Hood, to have Wood write a letter to all area legislatures to encourage the extension of the no-excuse voting procedure to all elections. Wood further reported to the Board that the school bond election was likely to be set for March 6. Hood moved, seconded by Johnson, to use paper ballots for this election, with staff to design the ballot to be approved by the Board. There being no further business, Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary