

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
February 27, 2001

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The following absentee applications were approved unanimously: OS-1 through 3; CIV 1,5-10, 15.

Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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March 6, 2001

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The following absentee applications were approved unanimously: OS-4 through 10; CIV 2,3,11,19.

Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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March 13, 2001

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order. The following absentee applications were approved unanimously: OS-11 through 25; CIV 4,17,20-22.

Chairman Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
March 19, 2001

Chairman Wood was not in attendance, so Secretary Hood called the meeting to order. The following absentee applications were approved unanimously: OS-26 through 46; CIV 18 and 21. Application CIV-22 was disapproved because of only one witness.

Hood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
August 21, 2001

The newly appointed members of the Catawba County Board of Elections were sworn in and the Board first approved the list of precinct judges for the fall election. Although there were still 50 judges to be filled, Larry Braxton was authorized by the Board to fill those positions and David Hood was appointed Secretary. The Board also approved the minutes of future meetings would be held to both the Republican and Democratic Party attorneys for the Board. The Board further agreed to select a slate of judges for each precinct. The Board met with citizens. Mr. Pierce from precinct 33 concerning the precinct issues of the applicability of the Open Meetings Law, the budget situation and the loss of an empty voter precinct. The Board did not grant this request. The Board also agreed to provide information to members of the public on computer disk. Chairman Johnson reported on the Spanish language instructions which by law are to be available at certain precincts. The Board agreed unanimously to make these instructions available at every precinct in the county. The Board then unanimously agreed to move the voting location in precinct 30 to St Stephens Lutheran Church ELCA due to the closure of St. Stephens Elementary.

Finally, the Board agreed on a schedule of Board meetings and instructional meetings as follows: Board, Sept 18, 25 Oct 2,8,16,23,30, Nov 5 at 8:15 am except for Oct 8 and Nov 5 at 5:00pm; Instructional: Sept 18

Chairman ^{Johnson} Wood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

Not used - Larry Brewer

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August 21, 2001

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board first approved the list of precinct judges for the fall election, although there were still some gaps to fill. Larry Brewer was authorized by the Board to fill those positions as needed with any qualified person. The ballot for the Hickory municipal election was approved by the Board unanimously, and will be sent to the Hickory attorney for final approval. The other 26 ballot styles were also unanimously approved.

The Board met with a citizen, Mr. Pierce from precinct 33, concerning the precinct lines. He requested the Board to consider allowing his neighborhood to be removed from the Long View precinct. The Board did not grant this request.

Larry Brewer reported on the Spanish language instructions which by law are to be available at certain precincts. The Board agreed unanimously to make these instructions available at every precinct in the county. The Board then unanimously agreed to move the voting location in precinct 30 to St Stephens Lutheran Church ELCA due to the closure of St Stephens Elementary.

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Chairman ^{Johnson}~~Wood~~ then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

Not used, Larry Brewer

MINUTES OF
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September 18, 2001

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. There were no absentee applications to approve. Larry Brewer was authorized to recruit precinct workers as needed after the Board reviewed the needs for the next election and reviewed the current list of workers for each precinct. Also, Larry reported that he would send a letter to the Burke county voters who can vote in the upcoming municipal elections regarding their voting location. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

Not used, Larry Brewer

MINUTES OF
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September 25, 2001

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. Larry Brewer reported there is a candidate in Brookford who wants his name off the ballot because he had moved out of Brookford. Since he has still not signed a change of address form, the Board determined his name needed to be left on the ballot. Larry further reported that he was working with Steve Wyant to look for temporary help for the office at least into next year. He also reported that there is a shortage of precinct workers in some boxes, and that more recruitment was needed both for November and for next year.

Absentee application OS-LOB-1 was approved. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

Not used, Larry Brewer

MINUTES OF
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October 2, 2001

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. Absentee apps OS 2 thru 8 were approved. Larry Brewer reported that the Reform Party has lost its status as political party in North Carolina, but the Libertarians have continued their recognition. The Board then tested tabulation machines for the upcoming primary - #406857 for Precinct 13 (Greenmont) and #406781 (Oakwood), both of which functioned perfectly. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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October 8, 2001

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The following absentee applications were approved: CIV 21,30,36,12,24,10,2,3,8,22,6,7,23,4,29,16 Application CIV 20 was not approved because it was mistakenly sent. CIV 17 was not approved because it only had one witness on the envelope. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

Not used, Larry Brewer

MINUTES OF
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October 9, 2001

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. All the absentee ballots were approved for tabulation except for CIV-17 which only had one signature as witness. The Board then tabulated the results of Precinct 42, which is the absentee ballots. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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October 12, 2001

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board first approved the proofs for the ballot styles for the November election. The Board then proceeded to canvas the results for the 21 precincts which were open during the October 9, 2001 primary in Hickory. After canvassing the results from those precincts, the Board proceeded to review provisional ballots. Ballots 4-1 and 4-11, 12-2, 16-1, 16-2, 38-2 should be counted because our election records were wrong regarding the location of the voter. Provisional ballots 11-2, 11-3 and 15-1 were counted because the voter simply had an unreported address change. Provisional ballots 12-1, 35-1, and 38-1 were not counted because the voter was not properly registered with the Board of Elections. The nine counted provisional ballots were then tabulated as Precinct 43, and the canvas was concluded.

The Board authorized Larry Brewer to open the seals on the boxes to prepare for the November election. The Board also discussed budget issues concerning personnel and equipment purchases, but took no action on these issues. Finally, it was reported by staff that an employee of a particular nursing home was bringing absentees from the residents. The Board determined to send a copy of the statute regarding the assisting of persons such as nursing home residents by non-family members, as well as an explanation of the absentee ballot procedure to all the area nursing homes involved. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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October 16, 2001

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. Dennis Rhoney was not in attendance. The Board approved absentee ballot applications OS-9 through OS-16. Larry Brewer reported that there were two voters going out of the country to China who needed to vote by this Friday, October 19. Since we do not yet have the ballots back from the printer, the Board determined to use photocopies of the proofs to allow these two voters to vote by Friday, assuming the ballots do not come in, and to count those two photocopied ballots by hand on election night. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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October 23, 2001

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. Larry Brewer reported that the ballots arrived on October 22 in sufficient quantity to use for absentee ballots. He further reported that Arlene Spencer Sigmon had been hired to do some temporary work for the Board of Elections for about twelve weeks. There followed a general discussion about whether someone could vote in a particular municipal election if we suspected he does not live in the municipality where he used to live. The Board determined that such a person could vote unless we have sufficient evidence to mount a challenge regarding residency, or unless a precinct worker at that particular precinct has sufficient evidence to mount such a challenge. There being no further business, Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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October 30, 2001

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The proposed minutes for the meetings of October 21, September 18, September 25, October 2, and October 8, except that Chairman Johnson's name was corrected at the bottom of the minutes of the August 21 meeting. Larry Brewer reported that there was an incident over the weekend at the Board of Elections office. He left the office at approximately 7 p.m. on Friday night. When Wanda Mode came in on Monday morning, the door was ajar, and the computers of both Carolyn and Wanda had been tampered with in some fashion. Staff then discovered that the memory pack for Precinct 9 was missing, and upon further investigation found the memory pack in the actual machine for Precinct 9. Nothing was wrong when that machine and memory pack were checked. We do not know whether any ballots were missing, although there could not have been very many missing if any. Larry Brewer did contact the police, and the Newton Police Department did a police report regarding the incident.

The following absentee ballot applications were approved: OS-1 through OS-42 except for OS-28, which was omitted. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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November 5, 2001

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. Dennis Rhoney was not in attendance. The following absentee applications were approved: OS-43 through 103 and CIV-91/CC-1 and CIV-92/CC-2. The last two applications were a husband and wife due to the sickness of the husband. Larry Brewer reported that he had received a complaint from Rudy Wright regarding the Pat Moss TV ad which ran on Saturday, November 3, and was pulled by Pat Moss's campaign on Sunday, November 4. The Board agreed that no action was necessary since the issue was now moot, and the State Board when asked for an opinion agreed. Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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November 6, 2001

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. There was a request from Donald Robinson to allow his name to be put on a sample ballot showing it as a write-in, and posting the sample ballot in the polling place for his precinct. The Board denied this request since it would constitute electioneering within the 50-foot radius of the polling place, and would also allow numerous people to do the same thing which would be an impractical result.

Chairman Johnson reported that Don Moss had inquired about signs of the Pat Moss campaign which had been tampered with. Johnson told him that we could not do anything as a Board of Elections, and to go to law enforcement if indeed he had a witness regarding the culprit. The Board then tabulated the absentee ballots cast, except for one from Burke County which was not within the limits of any municipality in Catawba County, and one because the voter died before election day. After the absentee ballots were tabulated, the Board had a recess until the polls closed at 7:30 p.m. at which time the Board tabulated the results of the central precinct. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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November 9, 2001

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board then began the official canvas of the results from the November 6, 2001 election. The Board took the following action regarding provisional ballots. The following ballots were counted because the voter was properly registered: 7-2, 8-1, 17-1 through 17-8, 20-3, 20-7, 20-14, 20-15, 20-19, 20-21, 20-22, 30-1, 32-5, 32-6, 35-2, 35-3, 38-2, 38-3 through 38-7, 39-3. The following ballots were counted because the voter had simply had an unreported precinct transfer and thus was properly registered: 16-2, 20-1, 20-5, 20-6, 20-9, 20-13, 20-16, 20-17, 20-20, 26-1, 30-2, 32-1 through 32-4, 38-1, 39-1, 40-1. The following ballots were not counted because the voter was not properly registered to vote on Election Day for any race being held: 7-1, 8-2, 11-1, 11-2, 13-1, 16-1, 20-2, 20-4, 20-8, 20-10 through 20-12, 30-3, 30-4, 35-1, 39-2, 40-2. The Board then tabulated the results of the provisional ballots, with 48 total provisional votes counted. There were four provisional ballots of precinct 15 which had to be disallowed because none of the ballots were sealed within the provisional ballot envelopes.

The Board then proceeded to canvas the results of each precinct. The outstack balance in Precinct 25, 28 and 36 had to be manually recounted by the Board because the outstacks had not been counted correctly. The Board authorized opening the ballot container for Precinct 5 to retrieve the registration book which had been inadvertently left in that container by a precinct official.

Larry Brewer reported that voter Cory Leonard Barnes was challenged by one of the judges in Precinct 4. The judge contended that Mr. Barnes lived at an address in Brookford where nobody lives, and which indeed is the location of an illegal business. Brewer investigated the facts and determined that the phone book listed the voter as living in Burke County, not within Brookford. Upon a phone call to the Town of Brookford, they stated that no one lived at that location in

Brookford to their knowledge, and that it indeed was the site of an illegal business. Because the challenge was made at the precinct level, the law requires an aggrieved party to ask the Board of Elections to alter the decision made. Mr. Barnes has not yet requested any such action. The Board agreed that David Hood would draft a letter to Mr. Barnes to be sent by Larry Brewer stating the position of the Board, after which time the Board would react to any request made by Mr. Barnes.

The Board further agreed that Larry Brewer should notify any persons who, after the official canvas, are within the 1% or less threshold for a mandatory recount so that such persons could request that recount within the time period specified in the statute. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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MARCH 28, 2002

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at the Board of Elections office. Members present were Chairman, Robert Johnson; Member Dennis Rhoney and Director Larry Brewer. Chairman Johnson requested Director Brewer to take minutes in the absences of Secretary Hood.

The board discussed the upcoming May Primary Election and approved the following:

Times, dates and location of the 'no excuse' voting –

1. Location - One site at the Board of Elections Office in the Government Center Building, Newton, NC.
2. Dates – April 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30
May 1, 2, 3 and 4.
3. Times – Each day 8am – 5pm
Only exception will be Saturday May 4th when the hours will be 9am – 1pm.

Times, dates and location the Board will meet to approve absentee ballots:

These meetings will be at the Board of Elections Office.

1. April 16, 2002 at 8:15am
2. April 23, 2002 at 8:15am
3. April 30, 2002 at 8:15am
4. May 6, 2002 at 5pm

Times, dates and location for the instructional meetings for precinct workers:

These meetings will be conducted in the second floor meeting room in the Government Center Building.

1. April 16, 2002 at 6pm
2. April 18, 2002 at 9am
3. April 23, 2002 at 4pm
4. April 25, 2002 at 6pm

Director Brewer informed the Board that the preparation for the May Primary is continuing.

Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Brewer
Larry Brewer, Director

MINUTES OF
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July 23, 2002

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. Director Brewer reported that there had been a complaint about some of the signs of District Attorney Candidate Bob Thomas. The State Board of Elections wrote him a letter outlining what he needed to do, and apparently, is complying with this letter.

Brewer reported that a new cardveyor has been ordered, and that the existing cardveyor is to be sold to Orange County.

After discussion regarding the times for one-stop voting, the Board approved unanimously a schedule including beginning the one-stop voting on Thursday, August 22, with that voting being open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday, September 7, on which the voting will be open from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m.

The Board agreed to set the following dates and times for meetings of the Board for the purpose of reviewing absentee applications: August 20, 8:15 a.m., August 27, 8:15 a.m., September 3, 8:15 a.m., September 9, 5 p.m., October 15, 8:15 a.m., October 22, 8:15 a.m., October 29, 8:15 a.m., November 4, 5 p.m.

The Board unanimously authorized staff to remove the ballots from the last election from the boxes downstairs so that they can be prepared for the upcoming elections. Brewer reported that our sample ballots have been approved by Raleigh except for the State House and Senate races, which obviously cannot be put together until after filing ends on Friday.

The following instructional meeting dates were set by the Board: August 12, 9 a.m., August 15, 6 p.m., August 20, 6 p.m., and August 22, 4 p.m. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary