

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
February 4, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. Chairmen Jeff Dellinger, Democrat Party, and Shawn Charles, Republican Party, were in attendance. Poll workers for the 2003/2004 term were discussed. The chairmen of the parties will start on their recommendations and have them to the board in a couple of months.

New voting equipment was discussed and the process will begin to replace our existing equipment this year.

The proposed budget and goals for 2003/2004 was presented to the board. The budget process will continue with the budget office.

The voting place for precinct 7 and 8 is located in a large meeting room at the Conover City Hall. The precincts now have approximately 2500 voters each and the room is too small to accommodate both. A new voting place for precinct 8 will be located before the November election.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Brewer

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
June 24, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. Debbie Anderson from the Purchasing Department with the County discussed with the Board the possible procedures for buying new voting equipment. Of course, both the Board of Elections and the Commissioners have to agree on what is being done. The two possible options are to piggyback on another bid awarded to a voting equipment vendor by some other municipality or governmental unit within the United States, and the second would be a formal bid process with sealed bids, detailed specifications, and open bidding. The Board agreed that the formal bid process would probably not fit within the available time frame. If the Board piggybacks on another bid, it will need to be for similar equipment at the same price as some other governmental unit within the twelve months previous. This would also involve posting notice in the newspaper before agreeing to piggyback on someone else's bid. The Board determined that it would attempt to piggyback, with testing of the products of three different companies to be done during the October primary election. The time frame would be to have the equipment bought, set up and have our personnel trained by the May 2004 election.

The Board further determined that a maintenance agreement would be good to purchase when the actual equipment itself is purchased. The Board decided to have demonstrations from three vendors sometime in July, with the idea that if all three vendors looked promising, we would test those three machines in the October election. Those vendors are Microvote/Infinity, Accuvote/Diebold, and Hart. Larry Brewer will check on available dates with all three, and will call references on Hart since they do not yet have a county in North Carolina using their equipment.

The Board authorized staff to open the ballot boxes downstairs to get started for the fall election. Brewer informed the Board that Ward 5 of the Hickory School Board will also be up for election for this fall due to the resignation of that Hickory School Board member recently.

The Board reviewed a written complaint from Larry Pope regarding conduct of precinct workers at the Ridgeview Precinct during the November 2002 and November 2001 election cycles. It was agreed that the Board will respond to Mr. Pope by thanking him for his information, and telling him that we will vigilantly enforce the 50-foot requirement regarding electioneering near a polling place.

Due to the passage of time between the elections complained of and the current complaint, it would not be possible to go back and try to determine the facts, but simply to make sure that no violation of election laws occurs in the future.

The Board agreed to ask Judge Timothy Kincaid to swear in new board members on July 22 at noon. The Board also set an August 19 meeting date for the appointment of precinct judges.

The Board authorized moving the voting place for Precinct 35 from Sweetwater Elementary to New Jerusalem Lutheran Church. Also, the Board is in the process of moving the voting place in Precinct 6 out of the elementary school and to St. Marks Lutheran, and in Precinct 9 from its current location to Lawing Chapel Baptist Church. Those moves will be complete well before the next election.

Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
July 8, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The purpose of this meeting is to observe the demonstration of Micro Vote voting equipment. Director Brewer introduced the two company members conducting the demonstrations. In attendance were board members Johnson and Hood, the office staff and other interested parties from county government and the public.

Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Brewer, Director

**MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
July 21, 2003**

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The purpose of this meeting is to observe the demonstration of Diebold Vote voting equipment. Director Brewer introduced the two company members conducting the demonstrations. In attendance were board members Johnson and Hood, the office staff and other interested parties from county government and the public.

Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Brewer, Director

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
August 11, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board discussed the four elections equipment vendors who have shown their products to the Board, staff members and volunteers. The Board also reviewed price estimates from each of the four and determined that Hart Intercivic and Microvote were the two best options. The Board decided to have these two come back later in the month to show their products to the county commissioners, after which time the commissioners and this Board would negotiate with the selected vendor and begin the piggyback process for the purchase of new voting machines. Testing of the selection machine will take place in the November election.

The Board discussed the schedule for one-stop voting before each of the fall elections, and it was discussed that this season will be the last with the early voting to take place at the elections office. In the future, it will be at the library in Newton. During the October primary, precincts 30, 33, 38 and 39 will be open, with the few eligible voters in precinct 29 to be instructed to vote at precinct 30. There will be one training session for poll workers for that primary - September 18 at 6pm. The Board further decided the meeting and training schedule for the remainder of the year, which is attached to these minutes. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

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MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
August 19, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board discussed the appointment of judges for the next two years, and approved the list which is attached to these minutes. The staff is empowered to recruit additional judges to fill the currently open slots, including the shifting of personnel out of their home precincts if necessary.

The Board discussed the fact that new law requires each precinct to be 100% accessible to the handicapped, with specific rules and regulations to be followed. Before the end of the year, an assessment will be made of each precinct, which may cause the Board to have to move some polling places. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

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JUDGES - August 2003 / August 2005

PCT		NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
1	CJ	Sharon Carlisle	1361 Grady Ln, Hickory, NC 28602	828-461-9999
	DJ	Patricia Howard	3569 Mt Olive Ch Rd, Newton, NC 28658	828-464-0428
	RJ	Evelyn Smith	3452 Airport Rd, Maiden, NC 28650	828-464-2539
2	CJ	Patricia Davis	6420 Smith Rd, Vale, NC 28168	704-462-1874
	DJ	David Hood	6907 Old Shelby Rd, Vale, NC 28168	704-462-4331
	RJ	Joe Wyant	5830 W NC 10 Hwy, Hickory, NC 28602	704-462-2613
3	CJ	Joyce Jarrett	4499 Plateau Rd, Newton, NC 28658	704-462-2061
	DJ	Aaron King Jr	4814 Whitener Rd, Hickory, NC 28602	704-462-2521
	RJ	Scott Whisnant	4534 W NC 10 Hwy, Newton, NC 28658	704-462-2755
4	CJ	Betty Anthony	1410 4th St SW, Hickory, NC 28602	828-327-4988
	DJ	Virginia B. James	1429 3 rd St. Pl, SW, Hickory, NC 28602	828-327-2553
	RJ	Jennifer Hunley	83 19 th Ave SE, Hickory, NC 28602	828-851-5287
5	CJ	Anne Gilbert	108 1 st St NE, Catawba, NC 28609	828-241-2808 828-459-7195
	DJ	Leona Little	4914 E NC 10 Hwy, Catawba, NC 28609	828-241-2478
	RJ	Cecil Schronce	1508 Buffalo Shoals Rd, Claremont, NC 28610	828-241-2935

6	CJ	Elizabeth Connor	3079 N Lookout Rd, Claremont, NC 2861 PO Box 502, Claremont, NC 28610	828-459-7184
	DJ	Elaine Simmons	222 Anderson St. Claremont, NC 28610	828-459-7337
	RJ	Donna Buchanan	3053 Catawba St, Claremont, NC 28610 PO Box 775, Claremont, NC 28610	828-459-0254
7	CJ	Merle Fisher	210 7th Ave SW, Conover, NC 28613	828-464-6741
	DJ	David Pingel	810 16th St NW, Conover, NC 28613	828-464-0922
	RJ	Virginia Coley	211 N 1st Ave, Conover, NC 28613 PO Box 922, Conover, NC 28613	828-465-1563
8	CJ	Alma Dixon	1205 2nd St SE, Conover, NC 28613	828-464-7428
	DJ	Geraldine Headrick	717 3rd Ave NE, Conover, NC 28613 PO Box 108, Conover, NC 28613	828-464-0689
	RJ	Anna Bolick	228 8th St NE, Conover, NC 28613	828-465-5310
9	CJ	Mary Ellen Richard	31 PJ McRee Rd, Maiden, NC 28650	828-428-8011
	DJ	Nancy Dellinger	3411 E Maiden Rd, Maiden, NC 28650	828-428-3015
	RJ	Glain Pennell	2201 E Maiden Rd, Maiden, nc 28650	828-428-2323
10	CJ	Yvonne Wood	306 S Caldwell Ave, Newton, NC 28658	828-464-5786
	DJ	Stanford Gabriel	135 S Davis Ave, Newton, NC 28658	828-464-5552
	RJ			
	CJ	Margaret Gentry	500 5 th Ave, NE, NC 28601	828-325-9855
	DJ	Jean Forbes	432 5th Ave NE, Hickory, NC 28601	828-324-5856
	RJ	William Treadwell	603 N Center ST, Hickory, NC 28601	828-327-3987

12	CJ	Richard Moser	510 3 rd Ave Dr SE, Hickory, NC 28602	828-324-7423
	DJ	Joe Lackey	509 3 rd Ave. Dr SE, Hickory, NC 28602	828-638-0687
	RJ	Elaine Seaver	617 5th St SE, Hickory, NC 28602	828-322-5155
13	CJ	Mark Huggins	228 7th St SW, Hickory, NC 28602	828-327-8737
	DJ			
	RJ	Dorothy Hawkins	518 5th St SW, Hickory, NC 28602	828-324-0134
14	CJ	Anne Mason	771 9th St NW, Hickory, NC 28601	828-327-5826
	DJ	Barbara Thomas	660 5th St NW, Hickory, NC 28601	828-327-2915
	RJ	Ruth Queen	439 10th St Dr NW, Hickory, NC 28601	828-327-2639
15	CJ	Annette Jones	238 9th Ave PL SW #13, Hickory, NC 28602	828-328-4563
	DJ	Bonnie Rice	108 9th Ave SE, Hickory, NC 28602	828-322-1896
	RJ	Elaine Witherspoon	448 1st St SW, Hickory, NC 28602	828-327-4714
16	CJ	Paul Ohle	1806 14th St NE, Hickory, NC 28601	828-324-2287
	DJ	Margaret H. Robinson	1771 12 th St NE, Hickory, NC 28601	828-324-8499
	RJ	Ann Anderson	1330 5th St NE #27, Hickory, NC 28601	828-327-4520
17	CJ	Mike Hughes	2046 1 st Ave SW, Hickory, NC 28602	828-324-4652
	DJ	Bradley Hutchinson	2036 1 st Ave SW, Hickory, NC 28602	828-324-7336
	RJ	Donald Baker	3130 6 th Ave SW, Hickory, NC 28602	828-324-7052

19	CJ	Dorothy Phillips	2924 10th Ave SW, Hickory, NC 28602	828-327-0783
	DJ	Ethel Dale	1408 33rd St SW, Hickory, NC 28602	828-322-5165
	RJ	Faye Bean	1335 21st St SW, Hickory, NC 28602	828-322-6257
20	CJ	Ronald Keener	385 S US 321 Hwy, Maiden, NC 28650 PO Box 385, Maiden, NC 28650	828-428-8551
	DJ	Amy L. Frye	104 E. Boyd St. Apt. E, Maiden, NC 28650	828-428-4646
	RJ			
21	CJ	Jacquelyn Campbell	6282 Sherrills Ford Rd, Catawba, NC 28609	828-241-2810
	DJ	Roger Grindstaff	1314 Bolton Rd, Catawba, NC 28609	828-241-2915
	RJ	Cynthia Eades	7711 Monbo Rd, Catawba, NC 28609	828-478-3937
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22	CJ	Kent Holcomb	1903 Nance Dr, Newton, NC 28658	828-466-2161
	DJ	Patsy Deal	1967 E NC 10 Hwy, Newton, NC 28658	828-464-3683
	RJ	Casey Ammons	2591 Claremont Rd. Newton, NC 28658	828-464-4946
23	CJ	Peggy Austin	5136 Olde School Dr, Hickory, NC 28602	828-294-6443
	DJ	Michelle A. Williams	1677 Woodridge Circle, Hickory, NC 28602	828-294-4433
	RJ	Doris Fondessy	1358 Billings Dr, Hickory, NC 28602	828-294-6980
24	CJ	Betty Hefner	5271 Harris Farm Rd, Hickory, NC 28602	828-294-3376
	DJ	Melissa Lackey	1160 Courtney Dr SE, Hickory, NC 28602	828-294-0164
	RJ	Lois Kanupp	1179A Guy Rd, Hickory, NC 28602	828-324-8364

25	CJ	Rose Bass	416 W 27th St, Newton, NC 28658	828-464-2313
	DJ	Betty Simmons	2850 NW Blvd, Newton, NC 28658 PO Box 26, Conover, NC 28613	828-464-2435
	RJ	Sue Laney	308 W 9th St, Newton, NC 28658	828-464-7214
26	CJ	Beverly Neuville	1610 10th St Dr NW, Hickory, NC 28601	828-328-8291
	DJ	Elizabeth Reeves	1030 17th Ave Pl NW, Hickory, NC 28601	828-327-9507
	RJ	Gretchen Peed	1645 6 th St. NW, Hickory, NC 28601	828-327-4039
27	CJ			
	DJ	Ross Benfield	4434 Oxford School Rd, Claremont, NC 28610	828-241-2652
	RJ	Walter Mulligan Jr	246 Lakeside Dr, Claremont, NC 28610	828-241-9240
28	CJ	Ed Farthing (R) Pct 13	522 3 rd Ave SW, Hickory, NC 28602	828-322-2805
	DJ			
	RJ	Linda Baird	1235 35 th St Pl NE, Conover, NC 28613	828-256-5717
29	CJ			
	DJ	Virginia O'Brien	4136 17th St NE, Hickory, NC 28601	828-256-9197
	RJ	William (Bill) Hasty	4821 Raleigh St. Conover, NC 28613 PO Box 1390, Hickory, NC 28603	828-256-2751
30	CJ			
	DJ	Xenophon Lutz, Jr (Joe)	1915 19 th St. Pl. NE, Hickory, NC	828-328-9840
	RJ	Neil Bolick	1770 23rd Ave Ln NE, Hickory, NC 28601	828-327-0520

31	CJ	Sammy White	7185 Locke Dr, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673	828-478-2468
	DJ	Joy Beatty	3161 Mt Pleasant Rd, Sherrills Ford, NC 28678	828-478-2768
	RJ	Jimmie Gantt	1681 Joe Johnson Rd, Sherrills Ford, NC 28678	828-478-2455
32	CJ	Joe Robinson	703 S College Ave, Newton, NC 28658	828-465-0750
	DJ	Coleen Howery (U)	130 Pinehurst Ln, Newton, NC 28658	828-464-1324
	RJ			
33	CJ	Florence Lail	5235 Rifle Range Rd, Conover, NC 28613	828-256-2416
	DJ	Evelyn Killian	3726 Sulphur Springs Rd, Hickory, NC 28601	828-256-2318
	RJ	Ira Cline	4444 Lee Cline Rd, Conover, NC 28613	828-464-5942
34	CJ	Reba Reinhardt	6793 Startown Rd, Maiden, NC 28650	828-428-9312
	DJ	Lee Orders	3658 Startown Rd, Newton, NC 28658	828-464-9105
	RJ	Kathy Johnson	2016 Vance St, Newton, NC 28658	828-465-3202
35	CJ	Eva Setzer	802 24 th St Pl SE, Hickory, NC 28602	828-327-9267
	DJ	Madeline F. Futrelle	2907 12th Ave SE, Hickory, NC 28602	828-327-2019
	RJ	Sandra Isenhour	2054 6th Ave SE, Hickory, NC 28602	828-327-4246
36	CJ	J. Michelle Mays, Pct 20	317 E Boyd St. Maiden, NC 28650	828-428-8104
	DJ			
	RJ	Samuel A. Freedman	111 28 th Ave. Dr. NW, Hickory, 28601	828-327-9450

37	CJ	Lynn Seabock	568 29 th Ave. NE, Hickory, NC 28601	828-324-6000
	DJ	Patricia Moore	1201 4 th St Ln NE, Hickory, NC 28601	828-322-8900
	RJ	Ruth Wakefield	38 21st Ave PL NE, Hickory, NC 28601	828-327-6063
38	CJ	Henry Jarvis	4020 Falling Creek Rd NE, Hickory, NC 28601	828-327-9493
	DJ	Evelyn Walz	701 37th Ave NE, Hickory, NC 28601	828-328-3323
	RJ	John Moebius	4340 N Center St #408, Hickory, NC 28601	828-327-6968
39	CJ			
	DJ	Norene Setzer	113 3 rd St. NE, Conover, NC	828-464-1810
	RJ	Earl Carpenter	486 44 th Ave. Dr. NW, Hickory, NC 28601	828-304-0300
40	CJ	Vivian Pike	125 W 6th St, Newton, NC 28658	828-464-5897
	DJ	Jacquelyn Hendricks	602 W 6th St, Newton, NC 28658	828-464-3369
	RJ			
41	CJ	Clyde Sigmon	4077 Kiser Island Rd, Terrell, NC 28682	828-478-2842
	DJ	Patricia Howard	4162 Yellowbell Dr, Terrell, NC 28682	828-478-2076
	RJ	Joyce Stutts	4351 Kiser Island Rd, Terrell, NC 28682	828-478-2026

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
September 16, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. Secretary, David Hood, was not in attendance due to a prior engagement.

The Hickory Primary was discussed and the preparation continues. One-stop voting is scheduled to start on September 18th at the Board of Election office. As of this date, no absentees have been requested by mail.

New voting equipment was discussed and with one member absent, no decisions were made.

Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Brewer, Director

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
September 23, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. One stop request OS-LOB-1 was approved. Larry Brewer reported that the Town of Catawba has asked for a referendum on mixed drinks. The Board decided on December 16, 2003 as the date for this special election. Brewer will look into whether the Catawba precinct location would be available, or whether we will need an alternative location.

The Board discussed the forum scheduled tonight by the League of Women Voters. The League President failed to notify the Board about this forum, or certainly did not clear having all of the Board as speakers. Johnson and Hood will attend the meeting, since Allen Wood has a prior engagement.

Larry Brewer reported that Mick Berry says that the Board of Commissioners may want to wait a year to build up more money in the budget before buying the new equipment, since both quotes are currently above the budgeted 1.1 million dollars. The Board agrees that the old machines will probably work out OK for the 2004 election. It is much more important to get the correct machines and the correct number of machines than it is necessarily get the machines by 2004.

The Board discussed the relative merits of the Hart and Microvote bids. Chairman Johnson favors Microvote, while Hood and Wood favor the Hart bid. All members of the Board could accept either machine as adequate so long as the Board of Commissioners buys the appropriate number of machines. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

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MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
September 30, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. One stop applications 2 through 4 were approved. Larry Brewer reported that no decisions had been made yet by the Board of Commissioners. The Board asked Brewer to check with Mick Berry to see if a decision could be reached quickly one way or the other so that the Board can plan for the 2004 election season. Larry Brewer reported that all of the ballot styles were approved by the State Board of Elections, so the ballots have been ordered. This includes the special mixed drink referendum scheduled for December 16. The Board decided to move the precinct voting location for that special Catawba election to the Fire Station since the Pastor of the church where the precinct currently votes expressed some misgivings about holding the referendum at his church. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
October 6, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The following absentee applications were improved: OS-LOB-5 through 9, and CIV-1. The Board discussed the time line for decision on the new voting machines. The current intention would be to get before the County Commissioners before their November 4 or November 11 meeting. The Board did decide to test both the Hart and Microvote machines in the November election, with the Hart machines being tested in one-stop absentee voting and the Microvote machine tested at Precinct 32 on election day.

The Board decided the schedule for one-stop voting for the November election, beginning on October 16. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 1, the last day of voting. Larry Brewer will call Raleigh to see if the electronic ballot for one-stop using the Hart machines needs to be approved in Raleigh, given the fact that all of the ballot styles on paper have already been approved.

With regard to the alcoholic beverage election in Catawba scheduled for December, Larry Brewer is scheduled to meet with the Town Administrator on October 15 to discuss the voting site, which will either be the Fire Department or Town Hall. The ballot for this election has already been approved. The Board decided to have one-stop voting along the same times and days before the election as for the November election. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

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MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
October 7, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board then tabulated the results for the absentee voting precinct for the Hickory primary. After the polls closed at 7:30 p.m., the Board tabulated the results for the central precinct which actually had no voters. Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

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Minutes of
Catawba County Board of Elections
October 10, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The board members opened and tabulated the absentee ballots. The canvass was completed for the Hickory Primary and Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Brewer, Director

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
October 14, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. Absentee requests CIV-1 through 4 were approved for the November election. Larry Brewer reported that there was a mistake on one ballot style for the Hickory Public School election, which showed Ward 6 when it should have been Ward 5. The ballots are being reprinted. Brewer also reported that Don Wright in Raleigh suggested that we move the voting location at Precinct 16 away from the National Guard Armory, since those buildings will be less and less dependable as voting sites. The Board discussed the possibility of voting in the new Stanford Park Recreation Building, once the City of Hickory gets it open.

Chairman Brewer reported that the issue of the new machines is not yet on a calendar for the Board of Commissioners. There is some indication that two of the Commissioners may not be interested in buying this type of technology. The Board of Elections agreed that it was not interested in pursuing new optical scanning equipment, because of its obsolescence and because that would take the County backwards in terms of where the rest of the country is going. Brewer will get County Staff to do a news release for the media regarding the testing of the new machines to be done in the November election, and will also transmit that news release to the Commissioners. The Board decided to attend a Commissioner's meeting sometime after November 4 regarding the new equipment to communicate their wishes to the Board of Commissioners.

Larry Brewer reported that Jeff Dellinger wants to change a Judge in Precinct 5 and put Jamie Woods back in instead of Leona Little. Apparently there was a mix up between Woods and Dellinger regarding whether Woods would serve, and Little was appointed instead. Little has indicated she has no objection to bowing out and having Woods take over the Judge position. The Board agreed to honor this request. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

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MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
October 21, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The following absentee applications were improved: Burke -1, Civ 20 through 22, OS-LOB-1 through 71. The Board received a letter from the Town of Catawba stating that it did not want to conduct future elections at the Fire Department. We will clarify which building to use for the ABC election coming up in December. On the issue of new election machines, the Board will go before the Board of Commissioners at their retreat in November, with the date to be announced later. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
October 28, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The following absentee applications were approved: CIV 7, 22, 30, 35, and 36; OS-LOB-72 through 192. One stop applications 106 and 177 did not have the proper signature, so the Board of Elections will contact those voters for them to come in and sign their absentee applications. The Board of Commissioners retreat is going to be November 17, probably in the afternoon. More details will be provided later. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
November 3, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The following absentee applications were approved: CIV 1, 2, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44; OS-LOB 193 through 360. Brewer reported that there will be funeral taking place at the poling site at Precinct 9 on election day. We will coordinate with the Pastor about taking the signs up during the funeral, and putting them back when the funeral is completed. Brewer also reported that we were going to have to deal with the issue of signs at the voting places for Precincts 8 and 21, given the fact that in the future all poling places will have to allow election signs. The Board also discussed the need to move the voting location in Precinct 26 because that recreation center is now closed with the advent of the new Hickory Parks & Rec building. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
November 7, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board proceeded to canvass the results from the November 4 election. In Precinct 6, the write in candidate David Morrow received 84 votes, defeating the named candidate Watts who had 68 votes. The Board took action on the following provisional ballots: 5-1, 2 and 3 were denied for lack of registration; 7-1 approved as a precinct transfer; 8-1 approved as registered; 11-1 denied as not registered; 17-1 and 2 denied as not registered; 17-3 approved as registered in Burke County for one of our elections; 25-1 and 2 approved as registered; 25-3 denied as not registered; 30-1 approved as registered in the City for City elections; 32-1 denied as not registered; 34-1 approved as registered; 36-1 denied as not in the City and thus not eligible to vote in a City election; 37-1 and 2 approved as precinct transfers; and 40-1 approved as a precinct transfer.

The Board discussed several voting locations which will have to be moved, including Precincts 1, 16 and 31 due to ADA compliance problems and Precinct 8 because Woodlawn says no more voting at that church. The commissioner's meeting regarding the new voting machines will take place on November 17, 2003 at 12:45 p.m. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
December 9, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board did not consider any absentee ballot applications for the special Catawba election coming up on December 16. Larry Brewer reported that it was likely the May primary would be moved to later in 2004 given the lawsuits about redistricting. The Board discussed the expected procedure for the purchase of the new Hart voting equipment. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
December 15, 2003

Chairman Johnson brought the meeting to order. One stop applications 1 through 6 were approved, as were CTV 2 and 3 mail out absentees. Larry Brewer reported that everything was ready for tomorrow's special Catawba alcohol referendum. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
December 16, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board tabulated the results of the absentee ballots for the Catawba referendum. Once the polls closed, the Board accepted the results of the referendum from the Catawba precinct workers by telephone. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
February 6, 2004

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board adopted goals for the 2004 election cycle, including a statement of purpose and expected outcomes. These outcomes included preparation for the primary and general elections, continuation of the training process of the staff and public regarding the new voting equipment, implementation of election law changes, list maintenance, implementation and communication regarding the new state house and senate districts once determined, and continued training through the State Board of Elections.

The Board reviewed a budget to be submitted to the County, which includes a change of Carolyn Huffinan's status to full time. That change will result in an increase to the budget, but also a decrease in the overtime wage line item.

The Board discussed the new state regulations regarding requirement of identification for first time voters who register by mail, under certain conditions. Larry Brewer reported that the ADA review of all precinct locations has been completed. A grant proposal has been made to place signs at various precincts, and to make a repair to the threshold entrance at Precinct 13. Voting locations in Precincts 1 and 31 will have to be moved because of parking lot issues. The Elections Board staff will study this matter and report back to the Board regarding possible new locations. The Board also discussed the voting location in Precinct 21, since state regulations now require voting locations to allow signs. The Board will attempt to stay at that particular church if consent can be obtained regarding the sign issue.

The Board discussed the possibility of combining Precincts 7 and 8 so that all Conover voters can vote in the same place as in years past. The staff will study this issue and come back to the Board with a recommendation.

The contract with Hart has been signed. The County is waiting for delivery details. Larry

Brewer is looking for storage space downstairs for the new machines. The newest version of the Hart equipment will not include modem contact with the County office for every precinct. After negotiation, Hart has agreed to pay for a notebook computer at every precinct so that results can be transferred by modem from those notebook computers to the County office from every precinct.

Larry Brewer reported that Cleveland County is buying the old optical scan equipment at \$500.00 per machine, and that Alexander County is buying the old handicap voting booths for \$50.00 per booth.

The filing period begins Monday, February 9, 2004 unless changed by the State Board of Elections. That revised schedule will come sometime after the State Board meeting Monday morning. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
December ~~8~~¹⁹, 2003

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board proceeded to canvas the results from the December 16th, Town of Catawba Mixed Beverages Election. The Board took action on the following provisional ballots: 5-1 was approved because the office did not have a correct address for the voter and the voter was a resident of the town; 5-2 and 5-3 were approved as precinct transfers; and 5-4 was denied because the voter was not a resident of the Town of Catawba.

Larry Brewer informed the Board that Hart Intercivic and Catawba County had begun working on a contract for the new voting equipment.

Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Brewer, Director