

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
January 3, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order, which was really just a public showing of the two different types of machines available from the ES&S, the sole authorized vendor to the State Board of Elections. Members of the Board arrived and departed, along with members of the public. Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

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January 4, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board unanimously recommended to the Catawba County Commissioners that the County purchase electronic machines for early voting (20 per early voting site, with a minimum of 3 ADA-compliant DRE units) and purchase optical scan machines for use on election day in the precincts with one Automark machine for each precinct. The Board further recommends that we have a minimum of 4 spare optical scan and Automarks in addition to the one per precinct. The Board further recommends that 400 voting booths be purchased at the same time as the other voting machines. Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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March 6, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board agreed on dates for precinct training, absentee meetings, and early voting. That information is attached to these minutes. The Board then discussed the ordering of paper ballots for the optical scan machines, and the fact that the Board is recommending pay increases for precinct officials.

Larry Brewer reported that he is working with county officials regarding storage space needed for the new machines. He also reported that the State Board of Elections states that precinct officials cannot be required to pick up voting equipment, so the county will have to contract with a moving company to deliver the equipment as is done in some surrounding counties. Brewer is involved in negotiating this price.

The following candidates are declared by the Board to be nominees of their party, with no primary necessary, in races which only encompass Catawba County: Mark Hilton, Republican for 96th House; Clement Geitner, Democrat for County Commissioner; Glenn Barger, Lynn Lail, and Kitty Barnes, Republicans for County Commissioner; Angela Phillips, Democrat for Clerk of Court; and Al Jean Bogle, Republican for Clerk of Court. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

May 2nd Primary

Precinct Training Dates:

April 3 rd	Monday	9am
6 th	Thursday	4pm
10 th	Monday	4pm
11 th	Tuesday	9am
21 st	Friday	9am
22 nd	Saturday	9am (only if needed)

Absentee meetings:

April 11 th	8:15am
18 th	8:15am
25 th	8:15am

Other Meetings:

May 1 st	5:00pm
May 2 nd	Election Day
May 9 th	Canvass Day 11:00am

Early Voting: (April 13th through April 29th)

Dates and Times:

Thursday – April 13 th	8:30am – 5pm	
Friday – April 14 th	Closed (Good Friday Holiday)	
Saturday – April 15 th	Closed	
Sunday – April 16 th	Closed	
Monday – April 17 th	through Friday – April 21 st	8:30am – 5pm
Saturday – April 22 nd	Closed	
Sunday – April 23 rd	Closed	
Monday – April 24 th	through Friday – April 28 th	8:30am – 5pm
Saturday – April 29 th	8:30am – 1pm	

Locations:

Catawba County Main Library
115 West 'C' Street
Newton, NC 28658

Highland Recreation Center
451 8th St Dr NE
Hickory, NC 28601

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April 18, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. All members are present with the exception of David Hood.

The following action was taken on absentee ballots:

- One mail absentee - #CIV-6 approved.
- One-Stop site at the Main Newton Library, Newton – OS LIB # 1 – 211 approved with the exception of #84, #86, and #146 which were deleted because the incorrect parties were entered. These three voters were re-entered and the voters voted.
- One-Stop site at the Hickory Recreation Center, Hickory – OS REC # 1 – #39 approved.

Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Brewer, Director

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April 11, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. Larry Brewer reported that we had not received sufficient equipment to start the early voting process on Thursday. In particular, we have not yet received the printers for the electronic machines.

The Board decided that it will count absentee ballots on Election Day at 5 p.m. The Board further approved the following mail out absentee requests: CIV-2, and 8 through 12. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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April 25, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. The following absentee ballot applications were approved: CIV-3, 5, 14, 18, 19, 21 through 26, 28 through 30; OS-LIB-212 through 623; OS-REC-40 through 261. Larry Brewer reported that on April 20 two employees of ES&S showed up to "fix" the voltage on the optical scan machines. Brewer called Gary Bartlett, and Mr. Bartlett authorized the employees to make voltage adjustments on the machines. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

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May 1, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. The following absentee ballot applications were approved: CIV-15, 16, 27, 35, 36, 38 through 42; OS-LIB-624 through 1313; and OS-REC-262 through 624 (except for 437 which was deleted as the voter did not wish to proceed with voting. The State Board notified the Catawba County Board that the sample manual count now required under State law will be for precincts 4 and 22. The County Board scheduled this count to take place Friday, May 5 beginning at 9 a.m. at the County office. There will be two bipartisan (2) teams of three (3) persons to carry out the sample count. The Board also determined that staff can make a decision on voter intent if at least two (2) County Board members are not available at some point during the counting process. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

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May 2, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. The mail-in absentee ballots were tabulated and added to the electronic system. Precinct 44 was used for the tabulation of curb side votes from the early voting process instead of for true precinct transfers, there being no precinct transfers in this election. There was a misprint on the optical scan tabulation tapes which show a date for November 2005 right above the Judge's oath. The County Board has deemed all of those tapes to be amended to state May 2, 2006. The Board proceeded to tabulate the results of each precinct after the 7:30 p.m. closing time, made the unofficial results available to the media and public, and told the media and public that the exact number of provisional ballots would be known and announced before noon on Wednesday, May 3, 2006. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

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May 5, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order for the purpose of conducting the sample hand recount of Precincts 4 and 22 as now required by state law. At the conclusion of the recount the results from the hand tally were exactly the same as the results from election day. The Board also received a written complaint from a voter about one of the Judges in her precinct. Larry Brewer will ask the Judge, Joe Robinson, to come to the canvass on May 9 to discuss the voter's concerns. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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May 9, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board proceeded to canvass the results of the May 2, 2006 primary. First, the Board considered the recommendation of staff that 130 of the total 159 provisional ballots be approved for tabulation. The Board unanimously agreed to the staff's recommendation. Larry Brewer reported that 2 of the approved ballots have already been tabulated, provisionals 25-3 and 9-1, where the voter put the ballot into the machine before election workers could stop them. This also happened with provisional 33-1, which is a provisional voter who was not registered. Unfortunately, staff could not locate the ballot to remove it from tabulation.

The Board then considered the staff's recommendation to disapprove 29 provisional ballot applications. The Board then proceeded to review information presented by the staff regarding each of the 29, and unanimously agreed to accept the Board's recommendation.

The Board then spot checked tapes from the machines on election night versus the results reported electronically on election night. All of the ballot totals matched perfectly for the following randomly selected precincts: 7, 10, 20, 31 and 36. After tabulation of the approved provisional ballots, results were printed and distributed to those in attendance, with particular emphasis on the race for the Republican nomination for Sheriff.

The Board received a complaint from a provisional voter James Edward Carpenter, provisional application 6-1, regarding the fact that his name and information had been inadvertently removed from the list in Claremont. This happened because his name and another voter of the same name had their records merged in the electronic system. Larry will send an additional letter of apology to Mr. Carpenter and let him know that his vote was indeed counted.

Larry Brewer reported that there were no equipment malfunctions. He did report the fact that one voter, Margaret C. Clark, voted twice in the primary by voting at the library location early voting and then voting at her precinct location, Precinct 10. Larry Brewer and staff attorney Deborah

Bechtel have both talked to Ms. Clark, who immediately apologized and wanted to make sure that one of her votes was removed from the voting totals. Upon the recommendation of Larry Brewer and Deborah Bechtel, the Board agreed to forgo any further action, there being no evident criminal intent on the part of the voter.

The Board received a complaint from a voter in Precinct 32 who was asked to vote a provisional ballot by Chief Judge Joe Robinson. She complained that Robinson was rude and tried to discourage her from voting provisionally. Joe Robinson appeared and stated that he may have been affected that day by a knee injury, but did not think that he was rude to the voter. He did make a comment about the provisional application being made close to 7 p.m., but it was supposed to be a humorous remark which he believes the voter took the wrong way. He did give the voter the choice of going to her correct precinct location at Mount Olive or voting the provisional. He did express regret that the voter thought he was being rude, and expressed a willingness to apologize if that would help the situation. The Board agreed that Larry Brewer would send a short letter of apology to the voter in question. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

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	TOTAL VOTES	%	ELECTION DAY	ONE STOP
PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 43)	43	100.00		
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL	94,877			
REGISTERED VOTERS - DEMOCRATIC	30,056	31.68		
REGISTERED VOTERS - REPUBLICAN	43,278	45.61		
REGISTERED VOTERS - NONPARTISAN	19,547	20.60		
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	13,110		11,019	1,926
BALLOTS CAST - DEMOCRATIC	3,274	24.97	2,779	451
BALLOTS CAST - REPUBLICAN	9,812	74.84	8,217	1,475
BALLOTS CAST - NONPARTISAN	24	.18	23	0
VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL		13.82		
VOTER TURNOUT - DEMOCRATIC		10.89		
VOTER TURNOUT - REPUBLICAN		22.67		
VOTER TURNOUT - NONPARTISAN		.12		

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	TOTAL VOTES	%	ELECTION DAY	ONE STOP
SHERIFF				
You may vote for 1				
(WITH 43 OF 43 PRECINCTS COUNTED)				
Al Hoover	288	9.20	244	39
Steve O. Hunt	2,844	90.80	2,409	397
Total	3,132		2,653	436
Over Votes	2		1	0
Under Votes	140		125	15

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	TOTAL VOTES	%	ELECTION DAY	ONE STOP
DISTRICT ATTORNEY 25				
You may vote for 1				
(WITH 43 OF 43 PRECINCTS COUNTED)				
Wesley E. Starnes	3,043	31.70	2,433	560
James (Jay) Gaither, Jr.	6,556	68.30	5,617	877
Total	9,599		8,050	1,437
Over Votes	2		2	0
Under Votes	211		165	38
 SHERIFF				
You may vote for 1				
(WITH 43 OF 43 PRECINCTS COUNTED)				
Mike Ledford	4,794	49.28	3,924	803
L. David Huffman	4,934	50.72	4,220	661
Total	9,728		8,144	1,464
Over Votes	1		1	0
Under Votes	83		72	11

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TOTAL VOTES % ELECTION DAY ONE STOP

SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

You may vote for 1

(WITH 43 OF 43 PRECINCTS COUNTED)

Robin Hudson	2,610	24.02	2,184	384
Bill Gore	2,246	20.67	1,884	336
Gus Gray.	1,334	12.27	1,168	154
Ann Marie Calabria	3,041	27.98	2,604	414
Jill Cheek	1,637	15.06	1,371	243
Total	10,868		9,211	1,531
Over Votes	27		26	0
Under Votes	2,215		1,782	395

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

You may vote for 1

(WITH 43 OF 43 PRECINCTS COUNTED)

Robert C. (Bob) Hunter	6,479	60.60	5,441	959
Bill Constangy.	2,042	19.10	1,778	246
Kris Bailey.	2,170	20.30	1,823	318
Total	10,691		9,042	1,523
Over Votes	2		2	0
Under Votes	2,417		1,975	403

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

You may vote for 1

(WITH 43 OF 43 PRECINCTS COUNTED)

inda Stephens.	4,009	37.73	3,310	647
Donna Stroud	3,821	35.96	3,278	502
Christopher L. (Chris) Parrish	2,795	26.31	2,401	359
Total	10,625		8,989	1,508
Over Votes	2		2	0
Under Votes	2,483		2,028	418



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May 16, 2006

Minutes from Closed Sessions will be secured in the Staff Attorney's office.

Larry Brewer, Director
Debra Bechtel, Staff Attorney



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MINUTES OF
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September 19, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. Larry Brewer reported that both staff and Board Members agreed the precinct location needed to move from Claremont Elementary to the Claremont City Hall in Precinct 6. The Board unanimously adopted the attached resolution. Staff will send cards to the voters in that precinct closer to the November election date, and will put up a sign at the school to direct voters to the new voting location.

Larry Brewer reported that the personnel needed for early voting have all been put in place, and will be trained on the night of October 18 for the October 19 start date for early voting. He further reported that all of the paper ballots are in for the November election, and that mail out of absentee ballots began on September 18. Staff cannot test the equipment for the election until the electrical work downstairs has been completed by the maintenance department, as well as some software work needs to be done by personnel from the State Board of Elections.

Catawba County will host a District Conference for Election Boards on September 29. Also, Rebecca will be attending a similar conference in Charlotte on September 22. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary



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RESOLUTION REGARDING CHANGE OF VOTING PLACE

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-128 allows the County Board of Elections to change voting places within a precinct:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Catawba County Board of Elections that the following voting place will be relocated as follows:

Precinct # 6 Claremont

From: Claremont Elementary School
215 East Main St
Claremont, NC 28610

To: Claremont City Hall
3301 East Main St
Claremont, NC 28610

This change is being made because the Claremont City Hall will provide a better location - more up-to-date building and parking area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution will be filed with the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice shall be given by advertisement in a newspaper having general circulation in Catawba County, by posting a copy of this resolution at the Catawba County Government Center Building, by mailing a copy of this resolution to the chairman of every political party in the County of Catawba, and a notice mailed to each voter in the precinct.

I, Robert L Johnson, Chairman of the Catawba County Board of Elections, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution unanimously adopted by the Catawba County Board of Elections at a meeting of said Board of Elections on September 19, 2006.

Handwritten signature of Robert L. Johnson in cursive.

Robert L. Johnson, Chairman
Catawba County Board of Elections



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MINUTES OF
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October 17, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. The absentee ballot applications listed on the attached list were approved. Larry Brewer reported that the State Board had sent a memo to the counties stating that County Boards cannot return absentee ballot applications to the voter for missing signatures or any other reason once submitted.

Both political party chairs have requested poll book copies on Election Day. The election's office has told them we in the state will likely be going to electronic poll books starting next year, so this will no longer be a possibility.

The State Board sent the county a memo stating that we will have three precincts for our audit count as opposed to the two in the last election, and we will not be told until Election Day which precincts have to be counted in that fashion.

The County Democratic Party has requested that it be allowed to supply Hispanic interpreters at precincts if needed. The Board agrees to this so long as the interpreters in question treat every voter the same, regardless of political party affiliation, and so long as the 50-foot ban on politicking within the election precinct is observed by the interpreters. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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October 24, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. The mail out absentee ballot applications on the list attached to these minutes were approved, except CIV-100 was denied as it was reportedly signed only by the voter's power of attorney, CIV-115 was denied because there were no witness signatures, and CIV-194 was denied because of the lack of signature by the voter. In addition, one stop absentee ballot applications were approved as follows: OS-LIB-1 through 631; OS-REC-1 through 501. Larry Brewer reported that due to renovations in the Conover City Hall, voting will have to take place either in the Chambers of the City Council or the precinct will have to moved to a different location. The one remaining room available outside the Chambers is too small to accommodate a voting precinct. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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October 31, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. Larry Brewer reported that the voter came to the office to sign her absentee ballot application, so CIV-194 has now been approved by the Board. The absentee ballot applications listed on the attached pages were approved, except for CIV-158, 159, and 241 which has missing signatures of either the voter or a witness. In addition, OVR-11 is another used by the Board for a voter at an early voting site when the voter mistakenly received the exact same identification number as a different voter at the same location, so OVR-11 will be used to distinguish that absentee ballot from any other. In addition to those mail out absentee ballot applications, the following early voting applications were approved, OS-REC-502 through 1814, and OS-LIB-632 through 2395 (minus number 2351 which was mistakenly issued with the wrong name and thus canceled).

Larry Brewer reported that the same moving company used at the last election will be used to deliver equipment to the precincts prior to election day. The Board also fixed the date for the sample recount provided by State law, which will be November 14 at 9 a.m. in the room upstairs. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
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November 6, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. The following absentee ballot applications were approved: OS-REC-1815 through 4189 (except for deleted numbers 3449, 3846, and 3106); OS-LIV-2396 through 5256. CIV-115 and CIV-194 were approved because the witnesses have now signed each ballot. The following mail-in absentee ballots were disapproved: OVR-10 (no ballot was enclosed and fax received after absentee ballot request), CIV-221 (1 witness missing), CIV-319 (no witnesses), CIV-418 (no witnesses), CIV-421 (1 witness missing) and CIV-450 (no witnesses). Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
November 7, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. The absentee ballots were tabulated and the results added with the precinct results. Upon receipt of results from all 40 precincts, Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
November 14, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. Member Allen Wood was not present. The sample audit was conducted for precincts 7 and 11, with hand totals for the affected race being as follows: Precinct 7 Rusty Duke 183, Sarah Parker 339 (and Precinct 11 Rusty Duke 71, Sarah Parker 161). The Board authorized the Board of Election staff to open the provisional ballots that the staff is recommending to count so that the paper ballots can be straightened out for possible use in the machine tabulators. This will be done before the canvass on Friday. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
November 17, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. The Board began the canvass of the November 7, 2006 election results by considering the staff's recommendation regarding the approval of provisional ballots. The Board unanimously agreed to accept the staff's recommendation to fully count 368 provisional ballots, to partially count 52 provisional ballots, and to disapprove the remaining 120 provisional ballots. The specific provisional ballots are listed in the attachment to these minutes. The Board then proceeded to hand count the 52 provisional ballots that were approved as to some but not all races. The Board also filled in the ovals on the paper ballots for Ballot Numbers 0183217 and 0183547 since the voter had used check marks, which would too faint to be tabulated by machine.

After the provisional ballots were tabulated, the Board announced to those in attendance at the canvass the results in the Sheriff's race.

The Board then considered the final results for all races, which are attached hereto as another exhibit. The Board noted that the unofficial results from election night had Precincts 28 and 29 reversed, but that this has been remedied in the final list for the canvass.

Larry Brewer reported that a sample count was performed on November 14 for Precincts 7 and 11, and that the candidates in the Chief Justice race each received one additional vote after the sample count. In addition, the Board agreed to conduct the recount on the Linda Stevens/Donna Stroud Court of Appeals race, to begin Tuesday morning at 7 a.m. at the Board of Elections. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
November 21, 2006

Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order. Member David Hood was not in attendance. The Board conducted the recount of the Linda Stephens/Donna Stroud Court of Appeals race, and reported the recounted numbers as 11,815 votes for Linda Stephens and 15,185 votes for Donna Stroud. Chairman Johnson then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary