

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
January 6, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order. The minutes of all previous meetings were reviewed and approved by the Board unanimously. The Board then looked at the new district line maps for both State and Federal offices, and discussed dates and content for training sessions for the May primary. The Board also discussed various budget items for the next fiscal year, including the possibility of renting laptop computers rather than purchasing. The Board then discussed early voting for the May primary, and agreed on the hours and dates for early voting at the only currently budgeted location, the Newton Library. Early voting will be open for all three Saturdays of the early voting period. Chairman Hood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Cheney, Secretary

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MINUTES OF
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February 21, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order. The Board first approved the early voting plan for the May election on a 3 to 0 vote, and then discussed budget items for the next fiscal year. The Board has concerns about conducting early voting with only one location, and will continue to try to get the second location put back in the budget. The Board also approved the schedule of meetings for the May primary, including moving the meeting time for Board of Elections meetings to 8:15. Finally, the Board considered the situation of the polling place in precinct 7. The church has indicated that it does not wish to be the polling place for the May primary, which means the Board must find an alternative location. The Board unanimously agreed to use the municipal building at Conover Station, and Chairman Hood will contact the City Manager to arrange that. Chairman Hood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF
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March 8, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order. Member Karen Hoyle was not in attendance. The Board considered moving the voting location of precinct eight to the Conover Station facility, and approved the move. Larry Brewer will begin the process of filling out the appropriate paperwork and sending information cards to all voters in that precinct. The Board also approved the closure of two campaign committees, those of David Bolden and Mae McClean on the grounds that the committees themselves have failed to file the appropriate paperwork to end operations. Larry Brewer reported that the county's early voting plan had been approved by the State Board of Elections, and further reported on the status of ordering ballots for the eleven ballot styles needed for the May primary. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF
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April 17, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order. Secretary Cheney was also in attendance. The Board proceeded to approve absentee ballot requests for the primary election as follows: CIV 1, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31-34, 37-39, 42, 45-47, 52, 53, 56, 57, 63-65, 68, 71-73, 76, 86, 87, 94, 95, 105, and 106; Overseas 3, 25, and 26; and Military 6. The Board also considered absentee ballot request from Wanda Punch, CIV 21. After she voted a Libertarian ballot as requested, and returned that voted ballot in a sealed envelope with proper signatures to the Board of Elections, she has requested to vote a different ballot instead of the one she received. Based on statutory guidance, the Board denied her request. Larry Brewer will communicate that to her.

The Board then discussed planning for the May Primary, and the early voting for that Primary which begins on April 19. Chairman Hood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF
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April 24, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order. Secretary Cheney was also in attendance. The Board proceeded to approve absentee ballot requests for the primary election as follows: CIV 7, 12, 27, 28, 42, 43, 59-62, 64, 65, 72, 81, 89-91, 93, 103, 105, 117, 119, and 121; Overseas 8, and Military 2. The Board discussed the progress of early voting which began on April 19. To date 918 votes have been recorded in early voted.

Chairman Hood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF
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May 1, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order. All Board members were in attendance. The Board first looked at early voting numbers from a Newton site through April 30. Larry Brewer reported that all equipment had been tested, and everything else was ready to go for the May 8th Primary. The Board then proceeded to approve the following absentee ballot requests: CIV 3, 8, 34, 48, 49, 51, 52, 56, 57, 73, 74, 80, 84, 85, 101, 102, 109, 113, 118, 123, 130, 132, 135 through 141, 143, 146 through 148; MIL 1, 8 and 11. The Board then discussed the lack of a Hickory early voting site with members of the public in attendance at the Board meeting.

Chairman Hood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF
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May 7, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order. Larry Brewer reported that a total of 7,164 people voted early, either at the early voting site or by mail. The Board then proceeded to approve the remaining absentee ballot applications as follows:

CIV 4, 10, 13, 16, 32, 33, 37, 38, 41, 44, 70, 71, 75, 79, 82, 83, 86, 92, 94, 96 - 99, 104, 106, 108, 110-112, 114-116, 122, 125-127, 129, 131, 134, 144, 145, 151-155, 157-160, 162, 164, 167-170, 172, 176-183, 186-193, 195-198, 201-203, 205, 206, 208-222, 225, 226, 229, 230, and 234.

Voter Hollie Williams, CIV 228, left the signature off of her application but will sign the application by noon on Election Day.

The Board voted unanimously to have the Elections Board Staff prepare the mail in absentees as well as other early voting results for tabulation at the Board's meeting on Election Day at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Hood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF
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May 8, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order. The Board proceeded to open and tabulate the mail in absentees, and prepare the results to be uploaded when the poles close at 7:30 p.m. Larry Brewer reported that the voter Hollie Williams, CIV 228 did not return on election day to sign her application. Thus her absentee ballot application is unanimously disapproved by the Board. The following absentee ballots received on Election Day but properly postmarked are hereby approved by the Board: MIL 12; CIV 133, 142, 150 and 156.

The Board then participated in the tabulation of the results beginning at 7:30 p.m. and concluded its meeting after the returns were received from each precinct. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF
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May 15, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order. Secretary Cheney was not in attendance. The Board conducted its canvass of the May 8, 2012 primary election. First, the Board approved a total of 78 provisional ballots, disapproved 83 provisionals, and partially counted 4 provisionals. The vast majority of the disapproved provisional ballot applications were for voters not registered in the County. The Board then approved for tabulation two military ballots, MIL 7 and 12 which was received before May 14, 2012, as well the following civilian ballots received by May 11, 2012 : CIV 133, 142, 150, 156, 171, 184, 204, 223, 224, 228, 231, and 233. Larry Brewer reported that the sample count in precincts 29 and 33 on the Constitutional Amendment, as ordered by the State Board of Elections pursuant to normal procedure, showed that the vote totals exactly matched those reported on Election night. Brewer further reported that the County Board Staff had spot checked 5 precincts in addition to these, and that all the numbers matched the results reported on Election night. Brewer also reported on the issuance of special unaffiliated ballots on yellow paper on Election Day due to the unexpected demand for such ballots, as voters wished to vote on the Constitutional Amendment without choosing any partisan primary ballot. He reported that 86 of the additional ballots, were voted in 8 different precincts. These were counted by hand at the County Board of Elections and manually added to the vote totals. The Board officially approved the results from the May 8 election, and authorized the transmission of these results to Raleigh.

The Board discussed some issues regarding operations of the election on May 8 and potential needs for changes in personal and operations at certain precincts to cut down on the long lines on Election Day. The Board agreed that an early voting site in Hickory would also have greatly alleviated the lines.

The second primary election for both Republicans and Democrats will be held July 17, and will probably cost about \$55,000. The Board approved an early voting plan for that second primary, with one location at the main library in Newton, and agreed to use the M-100 tabulation equipment rather than the electronic machines due to reduced costs. Since there will be only two ballot styles, this is feasible. The Board also set its meetings prior to the second primary for 8:15 on Tuesdays as usual.

After the Board reviewed and approved all meeting minutes through the May 8, 2012 meeting, Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Chairman

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MINUTES OF
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June 26, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order. Secretary Cheney was present; Member Hoyle and Larry Brewer were absent. Two guests were in attendance, CJ Johnson and Larry Pope. Rebecca Buff took over Larry Brewer's duties. R. Buff reported that the elections office had received 44 absentee ballots so far.

The Board then approved:

3 military ballots: MIL-1, 3 and 11.

41 civilian ballots: CIV 1,3-8, 14, 28, 33, 35-36, 38-42, 47-51, 54, 57-60, 65, 68-70, 72-77, 79, 81, 87, 89.

Voter Michael Auton omitted a witness signature on the application. The Elections Board Staff will attempt to contact Mr Auton in order to obtain the signature.

Rebecca Buff reported that the staff had tested equipment. Poll-worker training and set-up of the One Stop site will be done the next day, June 27th.

CJ Johnson and L. Pope discussed their efforts to obtain sufficient signatures to place a referendum on the ballot. They had presented 2 batches of signatures to the office on June 25th, and a third batch on the morning of June 26th. The office staff has not had time to verify the signatures at this point. CJ Johnson expressed her view that they had presented a sufficient number of signatures to qualify, and asked that the Board acknowledge this.

Chairman Hood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF
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July 3, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order. Secretary Cheney and Member Hoyle were present. A number of guests were in attendance.

The Board approved 7 civilian ballots: CIV 13, 15, 29, 30, 32, 37 and 80.

Larry Brewer reported a total of 81 voters at the One-Stop site since opening on June 28th. No problems reported at the site.

L. Brewer presented to the Board a summary of the results for the petition presented by the group 'Citizens for Equity in Government'. A total of 2,554 signatures were required. 4,464 signatures were submitted and checked. A total of 1,757 signatures were rejected for various reasons. This left a total of 2,707 valid signatures, 153 in excess of the number needed to qualify. Two additional signatures were submitted this morning to the Board, but the petitioners agreed to omit those signatures and so will not need to be verified.

Duplicate signature	432
Illegible	127
Incorrect county	3
No record of voter	670
Not in required district	403
Signature missing	9
Signature rejected	1
Voter deceased	1
Voter removed	111

The Board approved the Petition Summary results. Chairman Hood signed and delivered the Certification of Petition to Mick Berry, Hickory City Manager. The Board discussed with those present the time requirements for the election. Special elections cannot be held 30 days after, or 30 days before any other election. In addition, notice of the election must be given at least 45 days before the election. Mr. Berry will relay this information to the Hickory City Council for their consideration.

The Board moved on to discuss the general election scheduled for November 6, 2012. Due to budget constraints, the only One Stop site presently budgeted for will again be the Newton library. This may change pending decisions by the Board of County Commissioners.

Member Hoyle asked the Board to re-visit the idea of opening a One-Stop site on a Sunday. We agreed to re-consider this when funding is finalized.

The Board also discussed the idea of combining some precincts for the special election. This will be re-visited, and will require approval by the State Board of Elections.

Chairman Hood then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Cheney, Secretary

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MINUTES OF
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July 10, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order at 08:20 with Secretary Cheney and Member Hoyle in attendance.

The Board approved 2 absentee ballots: CIV 90 and 91. A number of guests were in attendance, all made introductions. Arnita Dula, City of Hickory Staff Attorney, questioned the Board regarding legal requirements/restrictions of special election to be scheduled by the City of Hickory. We explained again the time frame requirements. Election cannot be held earlier than 30 days after the Second Primary, nor later than 30 days before the General election. This means the earliest date would be August 17th and the latest would be October 6th. In addition, the Board is required to advertise the date of the election no later than 45 days before the election. Board mentioned that day of the Special Election is not required to be on a Tuesday. Sec. Cheney asked if guests had any preference for holding election on alternative day, no one expressed such desire. Board unanimously agreed that maintaining Tuesday would minimize confusion among voters. Board stressed that we would like to have the election earlier in the allowed time window in order to minimize interference with the General election in November. Discussed wording of ballot, Chmn. Hood suggested to A. Dula that it would be preferable if the wording were agreed to by both the City and the petitioners, Citizens for Equity in Government.

Newton One-Stop site has had 157 voters so far. L. Brewer sent notice to Board of Commissioners that HAVA funds were turned down by the NC legislature, which will require the county to fund any additional One-Stop sites for the General Election. City of Hickory is responsible for funding the Special Election.

Board re-visited idea of having One-Stop site open on a Sunday. Larry suggested if we decide to open on Sunday, to have both One-Stop sites open on Sunday to decrease costs.

Larry will inform Hickory City Council of County's decision on funding for the Highland One Stop site.

One Stop plan is due in Raleigh by August 10.

Larry presented ideas for consolidating precincts for the Special Election. Precinct 7 (10 voters) will be moved to Pct. 33, Pct 17 (63 voters) will be moved to Pct. 13 and Pct 34 (24 voters) will be moved to Pct. 35. The Board approved this.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:07.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF
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July 16, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order at 05:10. Secretary Cheney, Member Hoyle in attendance.

The Board approved 3 absentee ballots: CIV-22, CIV-86 and MIL-13.

Larry Brewer reported that everything was ready for Second Primary election next day. Larry said the Board office received a call from a gentleman who requested that he be informed of all Board meetings where One Stop voting is discussed. He was told that all meetings are public and where the schedule of meetings could be found.

Short discussion about training sessions being held in Raleigh Aug. 14/15th. All Board members will attend.

Guest Eli Glynn asked to be informed when the Board will be discussing One Stop sites for the General election. Larry will notify chairpersons of all parties when this issue arises.

Larry talked about Newton library One Stop site for November election. He expressed a concern with the site not having sufficient space to efficiently process a large turnout. Larry will try to obtain an additional room in which to process Same Day registration (07) forms.

Meeting adjourned 5:25.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 17, 2012

Meeting for returns of Second Primary election. All three Board members were present.

First precinct judges arrived with equipment and data cards about 07:50 PM.

Precinct 34, Startown, had a malfunction with the data card. We could not get our card reader to read the totals. SBOE was informed of error code (CRC). Board staff hand counted and entered totals into database. All 3 Board members observed procedure.

Precinct 6, Claremont, reported that they were unable to shut down the M-100 machine. Judge returned M-100 with card to Board office. We plugged it in and it worked fine for us.

Precinct 37, Viewmont 2, returned equipment without M-100. Chief Judge was told to return to polling place and retrieve the M-100. She did so.

Last precincts reported in, final tallies were completed. Unofficial results reported at 09:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry R. Cheney, Secretary

attach: summary report

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July 24, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. All three Board members were present, as well as a number of guests and Larry Brewer.

Board discussed five (5) provisional ballots cast during Second Primary. Three of the ballots were approved. Two ballots were not approved: 1 voter was not registered, 1 voter insisted on voting in party other than party in which they voted in first primary.

Board moved discussion to issue of City of Hickory special election, in order to accommodate guests.

-Date of Special election has been set for Sept. 18th. Date was set by City of Hickory, Board concurred. Brewer will submit language of referendum to SBOE.

-Calendar of events for August and September was presented to Board, short discussion.

-Early voting will be at Highland Rec. Center. Brewer has arranged for use of facility during that time.

-Twenty-three (23) precincts will be eligible to cast ballots. Three (3) precincts will be combined with existing precincts due to very small populations. Precinct #7, Conover West will be moved into precinct #33, Springs. Precinct #17 Longview North will be moved into precinct #13 Greenmont. Precinct #34 Startown will be moved into precinct #35 Sweetwater. Plan to consolidate precincts was approved unanimously by the Board. Board office will do advertising. Brewer presented copy of Notice of Referendum to the Board. Board approved of Notice.

-There are presently 26,744 registered voters in City of Hickory. Office will order that many ballots for election, as required by law. Cost estimate of election is \$40,000. Brewer has sent letter to City of Hickory requesting \$44,500, giving them notice of estimated cost. Final billing will be completed by office once complete costs are tallied.

-Board will meet Aug. 7th at 8:15 AM to discuss the One Stop plan for General election.

-Final numbers from canvass of Second Primary election, July 17 were presented. 2,506 ballots cast out of 99,875 registered voters, a turnout of 2.51%.

-Brewer reported that an audit was performed of the returns on Precincts 8 and 9 in the Lt. Gov. race. All numbers matched. The Board checked totals from Pct. 37 against the tape, all numbers matched.

-Board staff has completed an audit of all precincts to insure accessibility. All precincts passed inspection. Brewer will send reports to SBOE today.

-Brewer stated we will need to have 7 poll workers for the Highland site for Sept. 18th election. Suggested using Edward Farthing as Chief Judge. Will try to maintain approximately 50/50 balance between Democrats and Republicans for poll workers.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry R. Cheney, Secretary

Attachments: Notice of Referendum
Referendum
Summary Report of canvass (3 pages)
Resolution to move voters

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SUMMARY REPORT

Catawba County, NC
2nd Primary Election
July, 17 2012
STATISTICS

OFFICAL RESULTS

Run Date:07/24/12 11:09 AM

VOTES PERCENT

PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 43)	43	100.00
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL	99,875	
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	2,506	
BALLOTS CAST - DEMOCRATIC	432	17.24
BALLOTS CAST - REPUBLICAN	2,074	82.76
VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL		2.51

SUMMARY REPORT

Catawba County, NC
2nd Primary Election
July, 17 2012
Democratic

OFFICAL RESULTS

Run Date:07/24/12 11:09 AM

VOTES PERCENT

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR - DEM

Select 1

Marlowe Foster.	169	39.39
John C. Brooks.	260	60.61

SUMMARY REPORT

Catawba County, NC
2nd Primary Election
July, 17 2012
Republican

OFFICAL RESULTS

Run Date:07/24/12 11:09 AM

VOTES PERCENT

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR - REP

Select 1

Dan Forest	1,652	80.16
Tony Gurley.	409	19.84

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE - REP

Select 1

Richard Morgan.	886	46.07
Mike Causey.	1,037	53.93

SECRETARY OF STATE - REP

Select 1

Kenn Gardner	921	48.60
Ed Goodwin	974	51.40

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUB INSTR - REP

Select 1

John Tedesco	666	35.77
Richard Alexander.	1,196	64.23

RESOLUTION NO. 12-18

RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF ADOPTING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2.01 OF CHAPTER II. OF THE CITY OF HICKORY'S CHARTER

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-104 (hereinafter "G.S. 160A-104"), voters registered to vote in City of Hickory elections have submitted an initiative petition to the Catawba County Board of Elections (hereinafter Board of Elections") seeking for the City Council of the City of Hickory (hereinafter "City Council") to call for a referendum vote on a proposed amendment to Section 2.01 (Composition; terms of Chapter II Composition of City Council; Elections) of the City of Hickory's Charter; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment calls for a return to the pure ward voting system whereby the council members or aldermen would be nominated and elected by wards; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160-104 and North Carolina General elections statutes, the Board of Elections has certified the petition; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections notified the City Council by letter that the petition was officially certified on July 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-104 states that Council, upon receiving notice of the certified petition, shall call for a special election on the aforesaid proposed charter amendment; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163 – 287 (hereinafter "G.S. 163-287") states that Council shall adopt a resolution specifying the details of the special election and shall deliver the adopted resolution to the Board of Elections.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hickory City Council, sitting in open session this 17th day of July, 2012 at a special called meeting of the governing body of said Council, duly called and posted in accordance with the statutes of the State of North Carolina, as follows, to-wit:

1. The City Council calls for the Board of Elections to conduct a special election as described in this resolution in accordance with all applicable North Carolina General Statutes governing elections.
2. The City Council requests the Board of Elections to hold the special election on the 18th day of September, 2012.
3. The sole issue that is to be on the ballot for said special election is the proposed amendment to Section 2.01 of Chapter II of the City of Hickory's charter.
4. That the ballot shall contain the following explanatory paragraphs and ballot question:

1. Currently, the City of Hickory Charter provides that City of Hickory Council Members are nominated by voters of their individual wards and elected by all voters of the City.

2. A petition to initiate a referendum to amend the City of Hickory Charter to have Council Members elected only by voters of their individual wards has been filed by at least 10% of the voters registered to vote in City Elections and certified by the Catawba County Board of Elections. As such, Hickory City Council must call a special election on the question of adopting an ordinance to amend the charter.

BALLOT QUESTION

**SHALL THE ORDINANCE TO HAVE COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED
ONLY BY THE VOTERS OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL WARDS BE
APPROVED?**

_____ YES

_____ NO

Done this 17th day of July, 2012.



**THE CITY OF HICKORY, a
North Carolina Municipal Corporation**

By: *Rudy Wright*
Rudy Wright, Mayor

Debbie D. Miller
Debbie Miller, Interim City Clerk

Approved as to form on behalf of the City of Hickory:

Arnita M. Dula
Arnita M. Dula, Staff Attorney

Notice of Referendum

City of Hickory, North Carolina

(Only registered voters in the City of Hickory are eligible to vote in this election)

An election will be held on September 18, 2012 for the City of Hickory voters to vote on a referendum.

Ballot Question:

“Shall the ordinance to have Council Members elected only by the voters of their individual wards be approved?”

You may vote YES or NO.

The following polling places will be open for this election from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm:

# 4 BROOKFORD	BROOKFORD TOWN HALL	1700 S CENTER ST, HICKORY, 28602
# 11 COLLEGE PARK	ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH	629 8TH ST, NE, HICKORY, 28601
# 12 KENWORTH	CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH	324 2ND AVE. SE, HICKORY, 28602
# 13 GREENMONT	WESTMONT SR.CITIZENS CENTER	1316 MAIN AVE DR., HICKORY, 28601
# 14 OAKWOOD	HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CH.	547 6 TH ST NW, HICKORY, 28601
# 15 RIDGEVIEW	BROWN - PENN CENTER	735 3 RD ST SW, HICKORY, 28602
# 16 HIGHLAND	HIGHLAND RECREATION CENTER.	1451 8 TH ST DR NE, HICKORY, 28601
# 19 LONG VIEW SOUTH	CHRIST UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH	1131 33 RD ST SW, HICKORY, 28602
# 23 MOUNTAIN VIEW 1	BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	4547 BETHEL CHURCH RD, HICKORY, 28602
# 24 MOUNTAIN VIEW 2	MTN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH	6156 MTN GROVE CHURCH RD, HICKORY 28602
# 26 OAKLAND HEIGHTS	HICKORY REC. CENTER	1515 12 TH ST DR NW, HICKORY, 28601
# 28 ST. STEPHENS 1	ST.STEPHENS LUTHERAN CH.	2304 SPRINGS RD, HICKORY, 28601
# 29 ST STEPHENS 2	ST.LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH	3916 SPRINGS RD, HICKORY, 28601
# 30 SANDY RIDGE	ST.STEPHENS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA	2259 12 TH AVE NE, HICKORY, 28601
# 33 SPRINGS	MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH	4420 COUNTY HOME RD, CONOVER, 28601
# 35 SWEETWATER	NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH	2120 STARTOWN RD, HICKORY. 28602
# 36 VIEWMONT 1	ST LUKES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	52 16 TH AVE NW, HICKORY, 28601
# 37 VIEWMONT 2	MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH	2780 N CENTER ST, HICKORY, 28601
# 38 FALLING CREEK	LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH.	4080 N CENTER ST, HICKORY, 28601
# 39 NORTHWEST	NEILL CLARK REC. CENTER	3404 6TH ST DR NW, HICKORY, 28601

Hickory voters in the following precincts will vote at an alternant polling place for this election only:

- # 7 CONOVER WEST will vote at precinct #33
- # 17 LONGVIEW NORTH will vote at precinct #13
- # 34 STARTOWN will vote at precinct #35

Absentee ballots are allowed and request must be made in writing and received in the Catawba County Board of Elections office by 5:00 pm on September 11th. Absentee voting by mail begins on August 20th and ends at 5:00 pm on September 11th. The board of elections will meet on August 28th at 8:15am, September 4th at 8:15am, September 11th at 8:15am, September 17th at 5:00 pm, and other times as may be necessary for the purpose of approving absentee ballot applications.

One-stop absentee voting will be held at the Highland Recreation Center, 1451 8th St Dr NE, Hickory beginning August 30th and ending September 15th. Hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday, September 15th, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Canvass Day will be held on September 25th at 11:00 am at the Board of Elections Office in Newton.

Only registered voters residing in the City of Hickory may vote in this election. Those residents in the City of Hickory who are not registered to vote must register on or before August 24th in order to be eligible to vote in this election on election day or you may register and vote at the one-stop site with proper identification. Any voter who has moved outside his or her precinct but within Catawba County since the last election should complete and mail an address change form to the board of elections on or before August 24th.

Each of the above polling places has a marked '50 foot Buffer Zone' concerning electioneering.

Contact: Catawba County Board of Elections 828-464-2424

Publish: August 7th
August 14th
August 21st

David W. Hood, Chairman
Catawba County Board of Elections



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July 26, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: Gary O. Bartlett
Executive Director

From: Larry Brewer, Director 

Subject: Resolution to Temporarily Transfer Voters for the September 18, 2012 City of Hickory Referendum Election.

Attached is a resolution the Catawba County Board of Elections unanimously approved, at their July 24th meeting concerning the September 18, 2012 City of Hickory Referendum Election.

Due to the small number of eligible voters in Precincts 7, 17, and 34 we are requesting to transfer these voters to other adjoining precincts for this election only. Each voter in the affected precinct will be notified by mail individually of the temporarily change.



**Resolution
County of Catawba
State of North Carolina**

Whereas, the Catawba County Board of Elections will be conducting the City of Hickory Referendum Election on September 18, 2012 and,

Whereas, the following precincts have the listed number of eligible voters:

Precinct 7 ----- 10 voters

Precinct 17 ----- 63 voters

Precinct 34 ----- 24 voters

Whereas, GS 163-128 (a) permits voters to be temporarily transferred, for the purpose of voting, to an adjacent precinct

Whereas, after reviewing the number of registered voters in the above listed precincts, the Board of Elections determined that:

1. the number of voters in these precincts are not sufficient to justify the opening of these precincts for this election,
2. the voters in these selected precincts will be notified, individually by first class mail, to vote in the below listed precincts for this election only, and
3. the county board of election will maintain separate registration and voting records so as to properly identify the precinct in which such voters reside.

Therefore, Be It Unanimously Resolved by the Catawba County Board of Election that for the City of Hickory Referendum Election only, the following eligible voters in these precincts will be temporarily transferred to vote in the following precincts:

Precinct # 7's eligible voters will vote at precinct #33.

Precinct # 17's eligible voters will vote at precinct #13.

Precinct # 34's eligible voters will vote at precinct #35.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Elections shall submit this resolution to the State Board of Elections for its approval.

This the 24th day of July 2012



David W. Hood, Chairman

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

August 7, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order at 08:20. Secretary Cheney, Member Hoyle, Director Larry Brewer in attendance. Also attending: 2 guests - Elizabeth Glynn and George Moretz .

Purpose of meeting is to discuss One Stop sites and times for the General election in November.

Larry Brewer presented tentative schedule to the Board. (See attachment.)

Brewer informed Board that county commissioners have authorized an additional \$18,000 to budget for additional One Stop site (Highland Rec. Center).

Discussed having One Stop site(s) open on one Sunday, October 28th from 1-5 PM. This will incur an additional cost of \$615.00 per site to administer. Sec. Cheney suggested eliminating one Saturday in order to save money to compensate for extra cost of October 28th. Brewer reviewed voting numbers from 2008 with the Board, it was decided that it would be best to keep sites open on all scheduled Saturdays. Brewer said he would work to find the \$1,230 to administer the extra day from some other source.

The Board unanimously decided to proceed with plans to open both One Stop sites on October 28th. Brewer will submit plans for One Stop sites/times to SBOE on Monday, August 13.

Brewer informed Board that ballots for Special Election have been received and tested.

No additional training sessions will be necessary for this election.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 28th.

Meeting was adjourned 08:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry R. Cheney, Secretary

**One – Stop Voting Sites
General Election
November 6, 2012**

Date		NEWTON MAIN LIBRARY 115 West 'C' St Newton, NC (In lieu of office)	HIGHLAND RECREATION CENTER 1451 8 TH St Dr NE Hickory, NC (Additional Site)
Thursday	October 18	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm
Friday	October 19	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm
Saturday	October 20	8am – 1pm	8am – 1pm
Sunday	October 21	Closed	Closed
Monday	October 22	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm
Tuesday	October 23	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm
Wednesday	October 24	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm
Thursday	October 25	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm
Friday	October 26	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm
Saturday	October 27	8am – 1pm	8am – 1pm
Sunday	October 28	1pm – 5pm	1pm – 5pm
Monday	October 29	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm
Tuesday	October 30	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm
Wednesday	October 31	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm
Thursday	November 1	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm
Friday	November 2	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm
Saturday	November 3	8am – 1pm	8am – 1pm

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

August 28, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order. Secretary Cheney and Director Larry Brewer were present.

The Board reviewed and approved 5 civilian absentee ballots: CIV 13, 26, 29, 31 and 54, and 1 Overseas ballot: OVR-16.

Larry Brewer informed the Board that voter registration activity is increasing. At this time, there are 102,167 registered voters as of 8/27/12.

One-Stop voting starts 8/30/12.

Next Board meeting is 9/4/12 at 8:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Cheney, Secretary

Via email- Lbrewer@catawbacountync.gov

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
September 4, 2012

As only Secretary Cheney was in attendance, Chairman Hood was contacted via speaker-phone in order to have a quorum.

Four absentee ballots were reviewed: CIV-7, 36 and 64, and 1 MIL-26.

Larry Brewer reported:

- 355 ballots had been cast as of September 3rd in One-Stop early voting. No problems were reported.
- First draft of November ballots were rejected by SBOE due to concerns about spacing of one column. Ballot was reformatted and resubmitted to SBOE. Ballots will be ordered as soon as State approves revision.
- Staffing for the November One-Stop sites has been revised, in order to produce a more even distribution of workers from all parties.

The Newton site will consist of 5 Democrats, 4 Republicans, and 3 Unaffiliated.

The Hickory site will consist of 6 Democrats, 5 Republicans, and 0 Unaffiliated.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry R. Cheney, Secretary

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MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
September 11, 2012

Chairman Hood , Secretary Cheney and Member Hoyle were in attendance, along with Director Brewer.

Reviewed 11 Civilian and 1 Overseas absentee ballots. CIV-25, 50, 51, 61, 62, 63, 65, 67, 68, 69, 73, and OVR-1.

One Stop sites have had 869 votes cast without incident.

Office received a request from the Assistant County Manager to have 6 foreign students associated with the American Field Service (AFS) observe a One Stop site on October 19th. This was approved.

Ballots for the November General Election were presented for review. There are 7 different ballot styles. Ballots have been received from the printers.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry R. Cheney, Secretary

via [e-mail—Lbrewer@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:Lbrewer@catawbacountync.gov)

CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

-Chairman Hood called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM. Secretary Cheney and Director Larry Brewer were present. Purpose of meeting is to complete canvass of Sept. 18 Special election.

- One person, Lester Mae Clark, voted twice – voting the first time at One Stop site 9/15, then again 9/18 at Precinct 15. Board discussed with Larry. Mrs. Clark is 75 years old, confined to a wheel chair. She voted curbside both times. She stated that she thought it was two different elections. We felt that it was probably a case of confusion by the voter. The Board authorized the invalidation of the ballot that was cast at the One Stop site, REC-102-517. No further action will be taken.

- Provisional ballots were reviewed. Fifteen (15) provisional ballots were cast.

7 Ballots cast in wrong precinct. 6 approved 1 ineligible to vote.

4 Jurisdiction disputes, all approved.

1 No record of registration. DMV verified record. Approved.

3 Precinct transfers, approved. See attachment.

-SBOE ordered sample recount of Precinct 33, Springs. 70 ballots cast, counted hand-to-eye. Count matched.

-Board randomly chose 4 precincts to audit, compared M-100 tapes to totals reported. All numbers agreed. Board certified final counts of election, canvass completed.

- First Methodist Church in Conover has informed the office that they will no longer allow us to place Pct. 7, Conover West there. They will allow us to continue to use the facility for the November election. Board will look for another venue.

- Meeting with party chairs discussed - Tentatively scheduled for October 4th at 9:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Cheney, Secretary

SUMMARY REPORT

Catawba County, NC
Special Election
September 18, 2012

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Run Date:09/25/12 11:36 AM

Report EL45

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VOTES PERCENT

PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 26)	25	96.15
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL	26,744	
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	4,815	
VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL		18.00

City of Hickory Charter Amendment

Select 1

Yes	2,333	48.46
No.	2,481	51.54

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2012
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Chairman Hood, Secretary Cheney, Member Hoyle and Director Larry Brewer were present.

The board discussed the Plan for counting electronically transmitted and/or damaged UOCAVA ballots. The plan was drawn up by Brewer, following the guidelines submitted by the SBE. The Plan was approved unanimously by the Board, and will be submitted to the SBE for final approval. (See attachment)

Board approved list of Absentee applications returned. The office has received 19 Military, 31 Overseas, and 680 Civilian applications. (See attached lists).

8 Absentee applications were returned with either signatures or witness signatures missing. The office has attempted to contact each of these voters to have them complete the application.

City of Hickory has approved payment for reimbursement of expenses incurred for September 18th Special Election.

Highland Recreation Center One Stop site will be set up today, Newton site tomorrow. One Stop voting begins Thursday at 8 AM.

Next meeting - October 23rd at 8:15 AM.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Cheney, Secretary

Via email- Lbrewer@catawbacountync.gov

**CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
PLAN FOR COUNTING ELECTRONICALLY
TRANSMITTED AND/OR DAMAGED UOCAVA BALLOTS**

The following plan has been approved by unanimous vote of the Catawba County Board of Elections on October 16, 2012 and is applicable to the 2012 General Election. This plan follows the requirements of Memorandum 2012-21.

1. At each meeting pursuant to GS 163-230.1(c1) the Catawba County Board of Elections shall determine if absentee ballots received by the Catawba County Board of Election need to be duplicated, stating the reasons (damaged or received electronically) and listing the names/absentee ballot number of the absentee voters in the minutes for that meeting. With oversight from the Catawba County Board of Elections, a bi-partisan team shall be used to duplicate the original absentee ballots.
2. Each original ballot shall be stamped or hand written with "ORIGINAL". The same Absentee Ballot Number contained on the original ballot shall be placed on the duplicate ballot that is stamped or contains hand written "DUPLICATE".
3. The bi-partisan team will then remake the ballot creating a true duplicate copy. One team member will read all of the votes from the original ballot while another team member records the votes on the duplicate ballot; each of the team members may be observed by other members. If only two comprise the team, the team members shall verify the accuracy by changing roles and re-reading the votes. The duplicate absentee ballots will then be read into the tabulator pursuant to GS 163-234. The Catawba County Board of Elections will maintain and report the duplicate absentee ballot returns as required by GS 163-132.5G.
4. After the duplicates have been marked and verified, the original ballots shall be placed in an envelope labeled "Original Ballots Duplicated and Read into Tabulator MM /DD / YYYY," and the envelope shall be sealed and signed by each member of the duplicating team. The duplicate ballot envelope will be secured with other absentee ballot materials and retained for the same period as other election day materials.
5. All voted ballots for the November 6th General Election will be secured and maintained for the required twenty-two months as required in the 'Records Retention and Disposition Schedule' (Standard 8, Item number 9).

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2012
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM. Secretary Cheney and Director Larry Brewer were present. Second meeting preceding General Election of November 6, 2012.

Have had 426 absentee ballots returned to date (list attached). 14 Military, 11 Overseas and 401 Civilian. Plan for counting electronically submitted ballots was approved by SBOE. First batch of 25 will be completed today.

Memo sent out from SBOE: Recommendations to Facilitate One-Stop Voting. SBOE expressed concern about long waits. We do not expect this to be a problem; no further action will be taken.

Brewer shared a memo concerning a military transport plane that has crashed in Afghanistan. He does not believe that any ballots from Catawba County were involved.

As of October 22, Newton site has had 5,133 voters, Rec Center had 4,510.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Cheney, Secretary

Via email- Lbrewer@catawbacountync.gov

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2012

CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Secretary Cheney, Member Hoyle and Director Larry Brewer were present; Chairman Hood participated via cell phone. Third meeting preceding general election of November 6, 2012.

Have had 698 absentee ballots returned since last meeting (list attached). 21 Military, 14 Overseas and 663 Civilian.

One Stop sites have recorded 25,826 voters as of October 29th. (see attached) One voter fell at the Newton OS site. She tripped stepping onto the sidewalk and suffered a head wound. She was transported to the hospital.

Today is the final day to mail out ballots.

Brewer shared with us a memo sent from SBOE regarding 'Maintaining Order at Voting Sites and Reports of Illegal Activity'. The memo discussed various occurrences of aggressive electioneering and misinformation campaigns. Brewer is not aware of any of this activity in Catawba County.

Next meeting scheduled for November 5th at 5 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Cheney, Secretary

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SBOE Numbered Memo 2012-26

TO: Directors of County Boards of Elections
FROM: Gary O. Bartlett, Executive Director
DATE: October 29, 2012
RE: Maintaining Order at Voting Sites and Reports of Other Illegal Activity

The State Board of Elections has received numerous reports of aggressive electioneering at one-stop absentee voting sites throughout the state.

- It appears that campaign and party supporters are breaching the buffer zone barriers and are approaching voters within the buffer zone,
- Individuals have moved the buffer zone barriers,
- Voters are being approached in their vehicles while they are waiting in the curbside voting zone,
- As individuals are electioneering, they are using profanity and aggressive language to supporters of opposing candidates or political parties.
- In one isolated case, a one-stop worker was injured and required emergency medical attention when she attempted to protect the buffer zone from an overly aggressive electioneerer.

These reports are disheartening and this behavior cannot be tolerated. County boards of elections when conducting one-stop absentee voting and election day voting, have a duty to enforce peace and good order in and about the polling place and the place of one-stop registration and voting. This includes not only the voting enclosure, but also the buffer zone. Consistent with G.S. § 163-48, county boards of elections must "keep open and unobstructed the place at which voters or persons seeking to register or vote have access" to a one-stop voting site. Further, county boards "shall prevent and stop improper practices and attempts to obstruct, intimidate, or interfere with any person in registering or voting," any person engaged in their own electioneering activity, or any person who has been selected to observe the election process. In the discharge of these duties, a county board of elections may call upon law enforcement to aid them in maintaining the order at one-stop voting sites.

Without question, the State Board of Elections and county boards of elections respect the right of individuals to proactively support and promote their candidates, party or ballot issues of choice; however, this right is balanced by an obligation to respect the rights of others and the rule of law. We must have civility in our voting and polling places; aggressive and unlawful electioneering shall not be tolerated.

This office is also receiving reports of voters purposefully being given misinformation about the 2012 General Election. For example:

- Voters are being told that they can vote by phone or online
- Voters are being told that if they are affiliated with a certain political party that they must vote on Wednesday, November 7th instead of Tuesday, November 6th.
- Voters are being visited by individuals who are misrepresenting themselves as county board of elections officials who are charged with conducting voter surveys
- Voters who have already voted are receiving phone calls advising them that their absentee ballot is already in the mail.
- Voters are being told that if they have an outstanding ticket, they cannot vote
- Voters are receiving misinformation that they are required to re-register each time they vote.

It is a felony “[f]or any person, directly or indirectly, to misrepresent the law to the public through mass mailing or any other means of communication where the intent and the effect is to intimidate or discourage potential voters from exercising their lawful right to vote.” G.S. § 163-275(17). If you are advised of any behavior of this nature, please notify this office immediately.

It appears that people are approaching various campaigns claiming to be from another state and asking how they can vote in North Carolina. One-stop workers must be very diligent in processing voters. If possible, anything that appears strange and/or out of the ordinary should be addressed at the one-stop site or polling place while the person is still there. Keep the State Board informed of these suspicious activities, too.

We are receiving phone calls from voters who are receiving correspondence in the mail about their voting history and the voting history of their neighbors. See attached. These callers are concerned about the purpose and intent of these mailings. This office will be monitoring this matter.

Finally, we are concerned about voters who may have trusted their absentee request to a third party. If you are contacted by a voter who forwarded their absentee request to a third party and your office has not received the request, you should encourage the voter to fax or email their signed request to your office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30th or advise them to vote during the one-stop absentee voting period or on election day.



Americans for Limited Government
 9900 Main Street, Suite 303
 Fairfax, VA 22031

Notice Number: [REDACTED]
 Notice Date: October 22, 2012
 Voter Name: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your dedication to voting in past presidential elections. Our American democracy is stronger because of civic-minded citizens like you.

We have conducted an audit of public voting records in your neighborhood, and wanted to present you with findings of past civic participation in your community.

VOTE HISTORY AUDIT				
November 2, 2004 - November 6, 2012				
Voter Name	Street Address	Voted in 2004	Voted in 2008	Voted in 2012
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No	Yes	Pending
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Yes	Yes	Pending
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No	No	Pending
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No	No	Pending
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No	No	Pending
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No	No	Pending
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No	No	Pending

Again, I would like to thank you for your active civic participation. I hope the above vote history record is informative.

As a further service, we will be updating our records after the expected high turnout for the Tuesday, November 6, 2012 election. We will then send an updated vote history audit to you and your neighbors with the results.

Please be sure to continue your participation and exercise your right and responsibility to vote.

Sincerely,

William A. White

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

November 5, 2012

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM. Secretary Cheney, Member Hoyle, Director Larry Brewer in attendance. Also attending: 2 guests- Mr. Walter Witherspoon and Mrs. Ruth Witherspoon.

-Board reviewed absentee numbers from One Stop sites. (See attached)

-Discussion with Mr. and Mrs. Witherspoon. Regarding an incident that occurred at Highland Rec. Center on 10/30/12. According to Mr. Witherspoon, his wife brought a young man to the Rec. to vote. When there, she was "treated badly by Ed Farthing", and was banned from returning to the facility. Board discussed particulars with the Witherspoons. Chm. Hood had previously discussed event with Mr. Farthing, he relayed that Mrs. Witherspoon had claimed that young man was her son. Mr. Farthing asked her for voter's DOB, and when Mrs. Witherspoon was unable to provide it, he felt that she was in violation of election law, and therefore asked her to leave. Mrs. Witherspoon claimed that she did not claim the voter was related to her. Board offered support to the Witherspoons, expressed our view that Board is committed to ensuring that everyone has a right to vote, and to help voters that require assistance, following all laws. Will follow up after the election.

-Banoak and Blackburn precincts are concerned about polling site security. L. Brewer talked with school principal, who discussed with Chief Judge and D. Hood. L. Brewer also discussed parking issue with principal.

-Republican Party Chmn. George Moretz wants office to provide "list of voters" from OS sites. Brewer informed him that there are no voter lists.

-Brewer reported still experiencing problems with parking, space at Newton site. Need to find new site.

-Lists of Absentee voters divided up among Board members to be delivered in morning.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry R. Cheney, Secretary

via e-mail—Lbrewer@catawbacountync.gov

attachments: absentee voters lists (3) OVR, MIL, CIV

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2012
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Chairman Hood, Secretary Cheney, Member Hoyle and Director Larry Brewer were present. Meeting to oversee returns of General Election.

Precinct 19 (Long View South) incorrectly received a packet of Ballot Style 6 instead of Style 5. First 11 voters, and either voter 12 or 13, voted on the wrong ballot. The only race affected by this mistake was the U.S. House of Rep.- District 10 race. Affected voters were not able to cast votes in the Patsy Keever/Patrick McHenry race. The Board decided to run the 12 ballots onto a separate card and manually add totals to the primary card count.

First precinct returned to office at 7:55 PM. All precincts were in by 9:00 PM except Pct. 28 (St. Stephens 1). Chief Judge forgot to bring M-100 back, along with card. Judge returned to precinct, retrieved equipment and card.

Final results tabulated by about 9:40.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Cheney, Secretary

Via email- Lbrewer@catawbacountync.gov

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2012

CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order at 11:00. Secretary Cheney, Director Larry Brewer in attendance. Member Hoyle absent due to health concerns.

Purpose of meeting is to complete canvass.

Absentee ballots received after election day:

16 Military ballots, received by 17:00 on 11/15.

108 Civilian ballots, post-marked by 11/06, received by 11/09.

1 Overseas ballot.

Board approved all ballots.

Provisional ballots:

139 Fully approved by Board.

19 Partially approved.

195 Not approved. (167 were not registered in county)

Total of 353 provisional ballots. (see attachment)

9 Voters voted under the wrong name, office staff corrected.

Sample count conducted. Pct. 6-Claremont and Pct. 11-College Park. All numbers matched machine count.

Tapes checked. Staff randomly chose 10 tapes, verified that all numbers matched recorded data.

Same Day Registrations: 4 voters could not be verified. If we cannot verify, they will be made inactive. List will go to SBOE.

Chm. Hood and Cheney signed Extended Return and Provisional tapes.

Received Official Results. Approved.

Adjourned 11:45.

Respectfully submitted;

Barry R. Cheney, Secretary

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2012

CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order at 08:15. Secretary Cheney, Member Hoyle and Director Larry Brewer were in attendance.

-Brewer stated C. Jane Johnson would like a copy of all minutes. Board approved. Brewer will contact her to determine details, if she needs attachments, etc.

-Discussion of Witherspoon incident. Hood relayed his discussion with Ed Farthing. Hoyle expressed desire to meet with Mr. Farthing, hear his explanation directly. Hoyle and Cheney will try to arrange a meeting on January 11th.

-Discussion of citizen who voted twice. According to Brewer – Mr David Keith Robinson (father) went to One Stop site and the poll worker inadvertently pulled up son's name (David Andrew Robinson). When son arrived later to vote, he was forced to vote provisional ballot. Senior was unsure if his vote had counted, so he voted again on election day, assuming that if his vote was counted, his name would not appear in poll book. Board decided that due to:

- 1) original error was fault of poll worker, not Mr. Robinson, and
- 2) we felt he was sincerely confused, not intending to commit fraud.

The Board will not pursue the case further. Brewer will contact Mr. Mr. Robinson and inform him of our decision.

-Five felons voted. Hood will investigate records further. Pending.

-Board approved minutes from May 8th to November 6th.

-BOE office is in process of mailing out No Contact cards to 17,667 voters. Procedure is done biennially, first step in list maintenance. Cost is approx. \$5,000.

-Discussed Burke County voting jurisdiction. Burke County is presently allowing some its citizens to vote in municipal elections in Catawba County when city extends into Burke County (Town of Long View and the City of Hickory). This requires voters to often vote at two locations, once in Catawba County and again in Burke County. Brewer will draw up a resolution informing Burke County that we will give the responsibility back to Burke County to conduct the elections for Long View and Hickory voters that reside in their county. The Board will take up this subject at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted;

Barry R. Cheney, Secretary

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