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TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

October 18, 2016

The Transylvania County Board of Elections met in regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at 5:00 PM in the office of the Board of Elections, 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard. Chairman David P. Morrow presided. Others present were Board Secretary John K. Barker, Member Sara G. Champion, Director Tracie Fisher, Deputy Director Laura Owen, and Deputy Director Jeff Storey.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrow. The first item of business was to review and process absentee ballots. Mr. Barker moved that the Board process the approved absentee ballots through the M-100 tabulator as they are received at each board meeting prior to Election Day. The motion carried. The Board reviewed the attached list of 269 returned absentee ballots. Ms. Champion moved that the Board approve those on the report with the exception of Edward Wade, needing a complete address for a witness, and Billy Jean Powell and Sammy Joe Powell, husband and wife who signed the wrong return envelope, and for the report to be updated. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the procedure for duplicating absentee ballots as presented by the State Board of Elections, see attached, in an email received by the Director. Mr. Barker moved that the Board use the procedure as presented. The motion carried. The Board duplicated 30 absentee ballots and processed them through the M-100.

In other business the Board considered the appointment of the following precinct officials as requested by Aubrey Woodard, Republican Chairman: Sandy Watson, Chief Judge, Brevard #1; Ken Walend, Judge, Brevard #1; Michelle Owen, Assistant, TC1; Robert Frank, Assistant, Brevard #3; Wendy Kicklighter, Assistant, Pisgah Forest; Sammy Kicklighter, Assistant, Williamson Creek. Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the precinct officials. The motion carried.

The Director informed the Board that she had received a call from Priscilla Tinsley, Little River Community Center, requesting that the Community Center be allowed to place a collection jar inside the precinct on Election Day to collect money for needed repairs to the building. The Director offered that individuals can stand outside the 50 ft. buffer zone and hand out information flyers to community members, but that a collection jar couldn't be placed inside the precinct. Ms. Fisher also received a call from Leslie, with the Farmer's Market, with a request for voter registration at the market. Ms. Fisher suggested that the market keep voter registration forms at the information booth all season.

Ms. Fisher presented the Board with two options for a one call system to be used to contact precinct officials and staff in the event of an emergency or for reminders. The Board instructed the Director to select the plan and company that she feels comfortable using at a reasonable price.

The Board reviewed a list of observers submitted, see attached, by Aubrey Woodard, Republican Chairman, for the early voting One Stop period. Mr. Barker moved that the list be approved with the exception of Dick Thompson on October 21 because the request didn't meet the statutory requirement of being submitted 5 days prior to the requested date and the request was received on October 18. The motion carried.

Ms. Fisher shared a press release from the State Board of Elections regarding security at polling places with the Board. Ms. Fisher informed the Board that she had been working with Sheriff David Mahoney and Chief Phil Harris prior to receiving the press release on ensuring the safety of the workers and voters at the polling places.

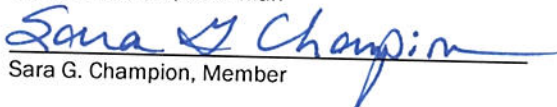
There was no additional business for the Board's consideration. Mr. Barker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next meeting of the Board will be held on October 25, 2016 at 5:00 PM in the Election Center located at, 150 South Gaston Street, Suite A for the Board to consider absentee ballots.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John K. Barker, Secretary

Approved by Board on: 10-29-2016

  
David P. Morrow, Chairman

  
Sara G. Champion, Member