

MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

January 6, 2017

The Transylvania County Board of Elections met in regular session on Friday, January 6, 2017, at 10:00 AM in the Election Center, 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard. Chairman David P. Morrow presided. Others present were Member Sara G. Champion, Director Tracie Fisher, Deputy Director Jeff Storey, Deputy Director Laura Owen, Jackie Hovey, Kathleen Barnes and Aubrey Woodard.

Chairman Morrow called the meeting to order. Board members considered the minutes from the October 7, December 2 & 7, 2016 meetings. Ms. Champion moved to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

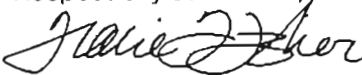
The next item on the agenda was the 2017 meeting schedule. Mrs. Fisher expressed that there is interest in changing the day of the week for the regular monthly meetings; therefore, she did not prepare a list of dates. Ms. Champion suggested the first Thursday of each month. Chairman Morrow agreed with the change. Mrs. Fisher will email each member a list of dates for 2017.

The next item on the agenda was legislative updates. Mrs. Fisher explained that the court has placed a hold on the implementation of SB4, which would change the number of members for the Board of Elections, until the legality of the bill is determined. Therefore, there is no change in the state or local board at this time. In addition, Mrs. Fisher informed the Board that the office has not received updates as to whether or not there will be a new election for the N.C. House and Senate districts.

In other business, the Director informed the Board that the benches outside the building were permanently installed earlier this week and the plaques to honor two former board members have been received; however, a date for the dedication ceremony needs to be set. Ms. Champion suggested the date of the swearing in ceremony for the new board. Mrs. Fisher noted that the date would be July 18, 2017. Chairman Morrow agreed to conduct the dedication ceremony for the two benches on July 18, 2017. Mrs. Fisher reviewed ongoing and upcoming projects with the board. The office is currently conducting the 2017 List Maintenance of the voter records. The staff mailed 1,534 no contact cards to voters that have not voted or had contact with the office in four years, the removed 1,077 inactive voters, and removed 23 temporary registered voters. Other projects that the office will be working on this year include, but are not limited to, updating the street lookup database and preparing for the purchase of new voting equipment. Mrs. Fisher explained that she plans to ask for additional funds in the budget for training precinct officials and a raise in compensation for precinct officials.

The Board opened the floor for public comment. Mrs. Hovey expressed that she would like to see the precinct officials receive a raise. Mrs. Hovey also commended the staff and board on a smooth and professionally run election. Mr. Woodard agreed that a raise is in order for the precinct officials.

There was no additional business for the Board's consideration. Ms. Champion moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM. The next meeting of the Board will be held on February 2, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the Election Center located at, 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard.

Respectfully submitted,

John K. Barker, Secretary
Tracie T. Fisher, Director

Approved by Board on: 02-02-2017


David P. Morrow, Chairman


Sara G. Champion, Member

Transylvania County Election Center

2017 Schedule of Regular Meetings Transylvania County Board of Elections

Regular meetings of the Transylvania County Board of Elections are held on the first Thursday of every month at 10:00 AM in the office of the Board, 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, unless otherwise noted (*), rescheduled, or cancelled.

February 2, 2017

March 2, 2017

April 6, 2017

May 4, 2017

June 1, 2017

July 6, 2017

*July 18, 2017 @ 12 noon (Board oaths and organizational meeting)

August 3, 2017

*August 22, 2017 (Precinct Official Appointments)

September 7, 2017

October 5, 2017

November 2, 2017 (Cancelled due to absentee meeting schedule)

December 7, 2017