

MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
October 16, 2018

The Transylvania County Board of Elections met to consider absentee applications and conduct business on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the office of the Board, 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, Chairman David P. Morrow presiding. Others present were Vice-Chairman Sara Champion, Secretary Pamela Dashiell, Member Lee McMinn, Interim Director Jeff Storey, Deputy Director Laura Owen, and Karen Henderson.

Chairman Morrow called the meeting to order. Deputy Director Owen presented the board with the attached list of absentee applications to approve. Chairman Morrow made the motion to approve 113 absentee applications; The motion passed. Interim Director Storey explained to the board that they had the option to process the ballots through the M-100 tabulator as they are approved up until Nov 5, 2018. Chairman Morrow made a motion to process the absentee by mail ballots as they are approved and to be tabulated at the 2 PM meeting on November 6, 2018 with the One Stop Early Voting results; seconded by Ms. Champion. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of precinct officials. Interim Director Storey asked the board to consider moving Jim Cruickshank to the Cedar Mountain precinct as the Republican Judge due to the inexperience of the remaining Judges and Assistants assigned to that location. Democrat Carole Pohl was suggested to fill a PM Assistant position at the Dunn's Rock precinct. Ms. Champion made a motion to approve the precinct officials as presented; seconded by Ms. Dashiell. The motion passed.

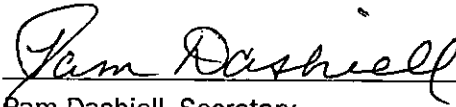
In other business, Mr. Storey shared that EMS does have portable lighting to use at the Brevard #4 precinct parking area for Election Day, but the equipment could be pulled in the event of an emergency. The board agreed that was acceptable. Electioneering personnel asked about putting tables in the parking lot during early voting. Mr. Storey said he would approve the request if there were no objections from the board. The board agreed. In addition, the board asked if there would be a sign in sheet for electioneers and a review the guidelines for conduct. Mr. Storey indicated he would ask them to do so. One of the party chairs had inquired with the Transportation Department about the availability of county vehicles to transport voters. After discussion with the Transportation Department Head, Mr. Storey explained to the board that it is not a same day service to the general public. Mr. McMinn asked to run an ad at Brevard College explaining the registration options to students along with general public information. The Board agreed.

In the Director's report, Mr. Storey informed the Board of a request to have the Brevard #2 precinct location moved to the Mary C. Jenkins Center on Carver St. after it is rebuilt next summer. The board was also briefed on the use of county Housekeeping in the event Williamson Creek Community Center needed further attention. Interim Director Storey mentioned observer lists have not been received from the party chairs nor unaffiliated candidates. Also a letter was received informing the Board that media reporters will be present on Election Night.

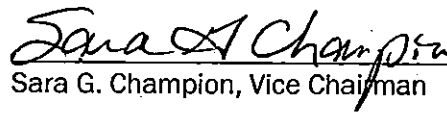
Chairman Morrow asked for public and board comments. There were none. Chairman Morrow asked if there is a motion to go in to closed session to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2018 closed session. Mr. McMinn made a motion to go in to closed session per NCGS 143-318.11(6). It was seconded by Ms. Champion. The motion carried.

After meeting in closed session, Chairman Morrow reconvened the meeting in open session. There was no further business for board consideration. Chairman Morrow made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned; seconded by Ms. Dashiell. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2018 at 5:00 PM for the Board to conduct regular business and consider absentee applications at the Board office, 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard.

Respectfully submitted,



Pam Dashiell, Secretary



Sara G. Champion, Vice Chairman

Approved by Board on: 12/6/2018



David P. Morrow, Chairman



Lee McMinn, Member