MINUTES TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS November 3, 2018

The Transylvania County Board of Elections met to consider absentee applications and conduct business on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 2:00 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. Mr. McMinn made the motion to approve 77 absentee applications; seconded by Ms. Champion. The motion passed.

In other business, Vice-Chair Champion asked about the procedures for election night returns. Interim Director Storey gave the Board a brief overview of the returns process. Mr. Storey would be covering Unity and election night results along with the Board. Deputy Director will be managing the check-in operations. Jim Whitcomb will be point of contact for precinct official support during closing. Garry Paddock will assist with closing at the TC1 precinct in Balsam Grove. Remaining office and IT staff were to be on stand by for assistance as needed.

Deputy Director Storey proposed a start time of 9 AM on Friday, November 9, 2018 for the sample audit. Vice-chair Champion made a motion to approve the meeting date and time; seconded by Pam Dashiell. The motion carried.

The next item discussed was a complaint received concerning the removal of signage on Highway 276 property and the involvement of a board member with candidate signage. Mr. Storey contacted the State Board of ections for advisement concerning the issue. The State Board informed the interim director that board members e allowed to display and control use of signage on their own private property. Mr. Storey informed the Board the State does not have jurisdiction for signage enforcement. The general statute is from the Department of Transportation. Ms. Champion asked if supplemental instruction could be provided to the candidates when filing to help alleviate future issues.

Chairman Morrow presented the Republican Observer list for Election Day to the Board. Ms. Dashiell made a motion to approve the list of Republican observers; seconded by Lee McMinn. The motion carried.

Chairman Morrow asked for public and board comments. There was no further business for board consideration. Chairman Morrow made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned; seconded by Pam Dashiell. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2018 at 5:00 PM for the Board to consider absentee applications at the Board office, 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee McMinn, Secretary

David P. Morrow, Vice-Chair

Pam Dashiell, Member

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