

SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Meeting Minutes March 3, 2020

Members Present: Dwayne Carter
Jerry Forestieri
Bill Hamlin
Don Isaacs
Drew Poindexter

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Michella Huff

Others Present:

The Surry County Board of Elections met in their office at 915 E. Atkins Street, Dobson, NC, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

The board reviewed the minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting. Minutes were approved as presented.

The director updated the board with the status of the petition percentage required for an unaffiliated candidate by petition. Wendy Carriker presented 343 qualified signatures within the Mount Airy City School Board District. She needed 4%, a total of 275 signatures. The board unanimously approved her petition and her status as UNA candidate by petition for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Chairman, Dwayne Carter signed letters to be mailed to the candidate notifying her as such.

The director made the board aware of a coding issue that arose on election morning as the polls opened. Surry County Board of Elections was notified of five precincts throughout the Mount Airy district that would not tabulate one ballot style. The one ballot style was R0007 which has the Mount Airy Board of Education seats. Upon notification from precinct officials, we instructed them to use the secure bin on the DS200 tabulator. This bin is for instances like this as it provides immediate security for ballots in an emergency circumstance. We immediately contacted the State Board of Elections for proper protocol of the hand-marked ballots for the five precincts. A bipartisan team took backup DS200 tabulators to each precinct. At the close of polls tonight, another bipartisan team of precinct officials will feed the hand-marked ballots through the newly added DS200, then tabulate the final results at each of the five precincts. At that point, the precinct officials will close the polls on each machine and properly execute the media and the secured ballot boxes with all ballots voted back to the Board of Elections office.

This meeting was recessed until 5:00 pm Election Night.

Chair

Secretary

Member

Member

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