



SURRY COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Michella Huff

Others Present: Martha Brintle

The Surry County Board of Elections met in the Surry County Board of Commissioners meeting room at 114 W. Atkins Street, Dobson, NC, on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

The board reviewed the minutes from the July 24, 2020 board meeting. A correction was needed to the minute of the last board meeting stating the date for the next board meeting to be on Wednesday August 5, 2020. The minutes read Friday August 5, 2020. After a motion and a second, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Chairman Carter held an open forum.

Adreann Belle, 207 Beechtree Circle, Mount Airy, NC 27030, 336-710-1481 addressed the board. Ms. Belle asked if we were going to provide secure ballot drop boxes for the absentee ballots because of voters' fear of using the USPS this year.

Marsha Lowery, 153 Chilton Road, Ararat, NC 27007, 336-793-7292 addressed the board. Ms. Lowery wanted more information about the absentee process and early voting sites.

Laura Bracken, Surry Community College, Director of Disability Services and Campus Voter Registration Drive Coordinator, 630 South Main Street, Dobson, NC 27017, 336-386-3443. Ms. Bracken wanted to know what would be available online because of COVID in the way of voter registration drives.

Director Huff presented two options to the board for the Elkin OneStop Early Voting location. The old Wal Mart location has an available space around 2,000 sf with unlimited parking for rent at \$6,500 for the month of October. Elkin Rescue Squad has offered their building space which would allow 1,160

sf of voting space free of charge for the period of October 14-31st 2020. A motion was made and seconded to use the Elkin Rescue Squad.

The board made a motion to approve the following OneStop Early Voting Plan for the 2020 General Election:

OneStop Early Voting for 2020 General Election hours will be 8:00 am-7:30 pm M- F

Saturday October 17th and 24th 8:00 am -6:00 pm

Saturday October 31st, 8:00 am-3:00 pm

OneStop locations will be closed on Sundays

Locations will be at the Board of Elections office, 915 E. Atkins Street Dobson

Surry County Government Resource Center, 1218 State Street, Mount Airy

Pilot Mountain Town Hall, lower level, 124 W. Main Street, Pilot Mountain

Elkin Rescue Squad, 940 N. Bridge Street, Elkin

The vote was unanimous to approve the proposed plan.

The board discussed poll worker pay and increases due to COVID-19 for this election year. Director Huff informed the board of various pay rates for OneStop and Election Day from counties within the 3rd District of North Carolina that Surry is in. A motion was made to raise the poll worker pay for OneStop Early Voting from \$9 per hour to \$12 per hour and for supervisors, Captains and Co-Captains, from \$10 per hour to \$13 per hour. A one-time bonus due to COVID-19 of \$150 for OneStop workers who commit and work for 13 of the 15 days period of early voting. Election Day pay will remain the same with a one-time bonus for this year of \$50. A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59

Chair

Secretary

Member

Member

Member