

**YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Meeting of September 29, 2020**

The Yadkin County Board of Elections met at 8:30 AM in the Yadkin County Board of Election's office. Walter Shore, Chair, Jeff Smith, Secretary, Claude Wiseman, Member, Ellen Reece, Member, Larry Vestal, Member, Elaine Barnes, Director, and Laurie Lankford, Assistant Director were in attendance.

Minutes were read and signed.

Walter Shore called the meeting to order.

Also in attendance were Debra McClain, Matthew Mayers from Forsyth County, and Euvick Irwick to observe the 1<sup>st</sup> Absentee by Mail meeting.

The Director informed the board that the One Stop waiver had passed.

The board was also informed that the state said, there is a grant that we will be receiving for the Election Day Precinct officials to add \$100 per person for hazard pay.

The board moved to let Randall Weatherman move to Chief Judge's position in South Knobs precinct to take the place of Brenda Mathis who resigned, and find a replacement for Randall's Judge Position.

The board discussed the issue of a complaint of someone electioneering and putting a sample ballot in someone's door, but advised this person that there was nothing that could be done at this point.

Jeff Smith made a motion for the director to proceed with leasing another voting machine, or whatever needs to be done to have sufficient machines to use on Election Day. The use of a machine for Election Day Transfers may create a shortage in machines. This motion passed.

Numbered Memo 2020-25 laid out rules that the county boards were supposed to comply with to delegate duties to the office personnel as far as the handling of the Absentee by Mail ballots.

Walter made a motion to delegate the following tasks to the office personnel:

- To inspect the returned ballots for deficiencies and to contact the voter and send them a cure certificate
- Sort and put in batches for approval or non-approval so the board can review them.
- Verify ballot envelopes against poll book list.

This motion passed.

Larry made a motion to use the cover sheet and List of Ballots that have been acted upon instead of initialing and stamping every envelope, to be placed with those envelopes. Per Memo 2020-25

This motion passed.

Ellen made a motion to scan in the absentees at each Absentee meeting. This motion passed.

Walter made a motion that the board create the ballot duplications that need to be remarked. This motion passed.

Walter made a motion to approve the 747 civilian absentees that were returned completed with all information along with the 5 Military ballot, and the 5 Overseas ballots. 13 were approved that had sent back a cure certificate to take care of any deficiencies that they were missing. For a total of 757 to be entered into the M100 tabulator. This motion passed.

Gary Mastin opened the polls on the machine and the zero tapes were run and signed by the board.

Ellen fed the ballots into the tabulator as the other board members opened the envelopes to retrieve the ballots.

At one point she felt there may have been an issue with the way the machine was counting, so the board voted to start the process from the beginning. Walter made the motion and the motion passed.

The machine was zeroed out and the process started all over. The end result when all ballots were in was an exact count of 757.

The board had to duplicate ballots that the machine would not read because of different causes, such as being torn or being damp at some point.

At this time there are 23 ballots awaiting a cure certification to be returned so that they may be approved at the next board meeting which is Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.

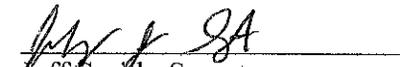
There have been 2,198 absentee ballot requests submitted thus far. 2, 172 Civilian, 16 Military, and 10 Overseas.

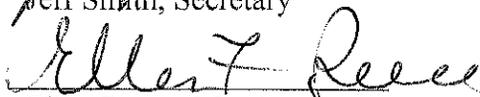
Walter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Walter Shore, Chairman

  
Claude G. Wiseman, Vice Chairman

  
Jeff Smith, Secretary

  
Ellen Reece, Member



Larry Vestal, Member