BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2014

THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MET ON JULY 1, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M., AT 35 WOODFIN STREET, MEETING ROOM #330, IN ASHEVILLE NORTH CAROLINA, WHERE AND WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jay Watson, Chairman Bob Knapp, Secretary Lucy Smith, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Trena Parker, Director Jennifer Sparks, Staff Victoria Leyva, Staff John Noce, Staff Rachel Rathbone, Staff

VISITORS: See attachment

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. The Board greeted visitors.

Director Parker presented the Board with three sets of minutes for approval. The Board approved and signed the minutes from the May 6th meeting. Secretary Knapp stated that the minutes from the May 12th meeting were approved in an earlier meeting so the Board signed off on those minutes. Secretary Knapp motioned to approve the minutes of June 10th. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Parker reviewed statute GS 163-227.2 (G2)(1) which states that we shall provide, at a minimum, the same number of hours offered in 2010 during primary and general elections. Rachel Rathbone provided her findings of the sites suggested by the public during the June 10th meeting, and she pointed out that Kenilworth Presbyterian Church had the lowest turnout. Pole Creek Baptist Church was able to take the place of Upper Hominy Fire Department. That church is well known, closer in town, ADA compliant, and is currently an Election Day voting location.

Jake Quinn, a visitor, stated that Jupiter Fire Department has always had a very low turnout in past elections and the turnout was half of what it has been at Kenilworth Presbyterian Church. He suggested dropping Jupiter Fire Department in exchange for Kenilworth Presbyterian Church.

Chairman Watson stated that we cannot disregard one geographical region of the county. He added that Kenilworth Presbyterian Church is very close to the Asheville Mall early voting site and that location has great parking and is convenient for most people in the county.

Secretary Knapp motioned to approve the 15 sites and to operate on the schedule beginning at the same time every day with the exception of the Election Services early voting site which will open at 9 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Jay Watson, Chairman

Bob Knapp, Secretary

Lucy Smith, Member

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