

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2014**

THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MET ON MARCH 11, 2014 AT 5:00 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
Lucy Smith, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. The Board greeted visitors and opened public comment. There were no comments.

Lucy moved to approve the Minutes of February 5th. The motion passed. Bob was not present at that time so Jay stated that if he arrives before the meeting is adjourned that they would revisit passing the minutes.

Jennifer provided the current public service request policy to the board which she stated is outdated. She presented the board with prices of maps from other comparable counties and added that most counties require 50% or 100% payment upfront. Jay agreed that the policy needs to be updated. He stated that we should provide the public with information, it should be up to the public to manipulate the data to their liking and we should charge a reasonable rate. He asked Jennifer to come up with a recommendation that would meet those guidelines and to be prepared to present it to the board at the next meeting.

Trena reported the State Board of Elections approved our May One-Stop Plan but for consistency purposes would like us to consider adding 2 hours; one hour to the last Thursday and Friday so the sites would be open until 7 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. The cost to add those two hours would be less than \$300.00 for time and labor. Lucy agreed that we do need to consider people who work and may not have time to get to the polls after work. Jay and Lucy voted on the matter and noted the absence of a Board member. Jay noted that statute §163-227.2 (G3) states the vote only needs to be unanimous to reduce the number of hours, and in this case the Board is voting to add hours. Lucy moved to add the two hours. The motion passed.

Trena explained after an exhaustive search Victoria obtained voting locations for the four precincts that we needed to find new sites for. At this time the new locations that Victoria has been able to secure are all out of precinct, however, if in-precinct sites become available, those locations will be used. She added that the out-of-precinct

location moves require a unanimous vote (§163-130.1) and the deadline to notify the public of the change is March 22nd. Due to statutory deadlines, Jay and Lucy voted on the issue, Jay stated he would contact the State Board of Elections for further guidance. Lucy moved to approve the necessary moves. The motion passed.

Trena informed the board that following the last meeting she immediately contacted the State Board of Elections to request a copy of last year's "Wellness Check". She has yet to receive it. She added that we are currently working with the IT department to update our website. Trena stated that we are aware of Lewis Clay's intention to withdraw as a candidate and we have informed him that he will need to provide us with a letter with his signature stating his wishes to withdraw but we have yet to receive that letter. We also advised him that since he did not withdraw before the deadline (2/25/14) his name would still appear on the ballot and the votes he receives will be counted. (§ 163-106 (e))

John provided the board with the One-Stop worker list. He stated that all locations are pretty well balanced and he is still waiting to hear back from some republican workers. At this time he has 7 Unaffiliated workers, 47 Democrat workers, and 37 Republican workers.

Trena added that we will be decreasing the amount of pre-printed ballots on hand by 100,000, saving approximately \$55,000 on this election.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



Jay Watson, Chairman

Bob Knapp, Secretary



Lucy Smith, Member

RESOLUTION 03112014A

TEMPORARY MOVE OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY PRECINCT #23.3

WHEREAS, the current voting location for Precinct 23.3, Evergreen Charter School, 50 Bell Road, Asheville, will be undergoing extensive renovations and will be unable to serve as a voting location for the Primary and 2nd Primary election of 2014; and,

WHEREAS, no other public or private organization is available to serve as a voting location in Precinct 23.3; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 163-128 provides that the County Board of Elections shall have the power from time to time to establish, alter, discontinue, or create such new election precincts or voting places as it may deem expedient.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Buncombe County Board of Elections as follows:

1. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-128, Precinct 23.3 will temporarily vote at Haw Creek Elementary School, 21 Trinity Chapel Road, Asheville; and,
2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-128, Buncombe County Board of Elections recommends this change be effective for the Primary and 2nd Primary election of 2014; and,
3. That all notice requirements of North Carolina General Statutes 163 shall be met.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective upon the date of its signing by the Board's Chairperson and dispatched to the State Board of Elections as consideration for the Board's decision on March 11, 2014.



Chairman, Buncombe County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 03112014B

MOVING LOCATION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY PRECINCT #36.1

WHEREAS, the current voting location for Precinct 36.1 is Montreat Conference Center-Walkup Building, 300 Community Circle, Montreat; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-128 provides that a county board of election shall have power from time to time, by resolution, to establish, alter, discontinue, or create such new election precincts or voting places as it may deem expedient; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Buncombe County Board of Elections as follows:

1. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-128, voting for Precinct 36.1 will cease to occur at Montreat Conference Center-Walkup Building; and,
2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-128, Montreat Conference Center-Anderson Auditorium lobby, 302 Lookout Road, Montreat, will be the new voting location for Precinct 36.1; and,
3. That all notice requirements of North Carolina General Statutes 163 shall be met.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective upon the date of its signing by the Board's Chairperson and dispatched to the State Board of Elections as consideration for the Board's unanimous decision on March 11, 2014.



Chairman, Buncombe County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 03112014C

MOVING LOCATION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY OUTSIDE PRECINCT BOUNDARY PRECINCT #5.1

WHEREAS, the voters of Precinct 5.1 now vote Newbridge Baptist Church, 199 Elkwood Avenue, Asheville; and,

WHEREAS, no other public or private organization is available to serve as a voting location in Precinct 5.1; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-130.1 provides that a county Board by unanimous action may establish a voting place for a precinct that is located outside that precinct; and,

WHEREAS, the county board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections; and,

WHEREAS, the conditions of General Statute 163-130.1 (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) can be demonstrated.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Buncombe County Board of Elections as follows:

1. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-130.1, voting for Precinct 5.1 will cease to occur at Newbridge Baptist Church; and,
2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-130.1, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 789 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, will be the new voting location for Precinct 5.1; and,
3. That all notice requirements of North Carolina General Statutes 163 shall be met.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective upon the date of its signing by the Board's Chairperson and dispatched to the State Board of Elections as consideration for the Board's unanimous decision on March 11, 2014.



Chairman, Buncombe County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 03112014D

MOVING LOCATION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY OUTSIDE PRECINCT BOUNDARY PRECINCT #13.1

WHEREAS, the voters of Precinct 13.1 now vote West Asheville Church of God, 60 State Street, Asheville; and,

WHEREAS, no other public or private organization is available to serve as a voting location in Precinct 13.1; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-130.1 provides that a county Board by unanimous action may establish a voting place for a precinct that is located outside that precinct; and,

WHEREAS, the county board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections; and,

WHEREAS, the conditions of General Statute 163-130.1 (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) can be demonstrated.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Buncombe County Board of Elections as follows:

1. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-130.1, voting for Precinct 13.1 will cease to occur at West Asheville Church of God; and,
2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-130.1, Calvary Baptist Church, 531 Haywood Road, Asheville, will be the new voting location for Precinct 13.1; and,
3. That all notice requirements of North Carolina General Statutes 163 shall be met.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective upon the date of its signing by the Board's Chairperson and dispatched to the State Board of Elections as consideration for the Board's unanimous decision on March 11, 2014.



Chairman, Buncombe County Board of Elections