THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MET ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M., AT 77 MCDOWELL STREET, MAIN LOBBY, IN ASHEVILLE NORTH CAROLINA, WHERE AND WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED:

MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Jay Watson, Chairman  
Lucy Smith, Secretary  
George Keller, Member

STAFF PRESENT:  
Trena Parker, Director  
Victoria Leyva, Staff  
John Noce, Staff  
Bobbie Johnston, Staff

VISITORS: Annie Butzner, Mary Standart, Patsy Gardin

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

The Board examined 2 absentee applications, 1 military and 1 overseas, presented by John Noce. All ballots were approved unanimously by the Board. (Attached)

Director Parker presented to the Board a resolution to adopt a time and place to count absentee ballots. (G.S. 163-234) Secretary Smith motioned to approve the resolution presented. The motion passed unanimously. (Attached)

Director Parker presented to the Board a letter she sends out during every election to all candidates. Included with the letter is a packet that consist of a sample ballot, list of precincts, and also a list of early voting sites.

A discussion of residency was requested by Member Keller. Director Parker stated that she has received correspondence from a voter regarding an anonymous flyer that is being handed out or placed on a table at the Montreat Post Office. The concern of some residents is that people voting in the town of Montreat and are not truly residents. These residents believe that some people are using their vacation home in Montreat to be able to register and vote in municipal elections. Chairman Watson referred to G.S. 163-57 (3). He added that if there is reason to believe that is occurring, a proper challenge would need to be submitted to the Board in order for the Board to take action. Director Parker outlined the 3 different time frames for registering challenges.

The Board entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) at 6:04 p.m.

Member Keller motioned to return to regular session. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to regular session at 6:36 p.m.

Member Keller motioned to accept the recommendation of the Director and to proceed with the hiring process of the identified candidate for the Election Preparation Specialist
position, pending the appropriate background and drug testing. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of January 22nd and January 27th were held for further review. The Board reviewed the minutes of August 18th. Secretary Smith moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously. The Board reviewed the minutes of September 8th. Member Keller moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously. The Board reviewed the minutes of September 11th. Member Keller moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Keller moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Jay Watson, Chairman

Lucy Smith, Secretary

George Keller, Member
RESOLUTION FOR SETTING TIME AND PLACE
FOR THE PURPOSE OF COUNTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS
FOR THE OCTOBER 6, 2015 ASHEVILLE PRIMARY ELECTION

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes Section 163-234(2) provides that the County Board of Elections is authorized to begin counting absentee ballots issued under Article 21A of Subchapter VII of GS 163 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and North Carolina General Statutes Section 163-234 provides that the County Board of Elections is authorized to begin counting absentee ballots between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Election Day upon the adoption of a resolution wherein the hour and place of counting absentee ballots shall be stated:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Buncombe County Board of Elections as follows:

1. That the Buncombe County Board of Elections shall meet and convene at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 in the Board Room at the Board of Elections Office, 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, North Carolina, for the purpose of counting UOCAVA absentee ballots, except those which may have been challenged according to law on election day.

2. That the Buncombe County Board of Elections shall meet and convene at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 in the Board Room at the Board of Elections Office, McDowell Street, Asheville, North Carolina, for the purpose of counting absentee ballots, except those which may have been challenged according to law on election day.

3. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

4. That a copy of this resolution shall be published once a week for two weeks prior to the election as required by law.

John D. Watson III, Chair
Buncombe County Board of Elections
EXECUTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS - PRACTICE SEQ.

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