

Brunswick County Electoral Board Meeting

February 9, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am in attendance were:

Monica McMillan, Chairwoman

Wally Sayko, Vice Chairman

Gilbert Benjamin, Secretary

David Clary, Registrar

Cyliene Montgomery, Chairwoman, Brunswick County Democratic Committee

Gwendolyn McMillan, President of NAACP Brunswick County

Adopt Agenda

Mr. Sayko made a motion to accept the agenda, second by Mr. Benjamin and the motion carried.

Adopt Minutes

Mr. Sayko made a motion to accept the January 12, 2021 minutes, second by Mr. Benjamin and the motion carried.

Registrars Update

Mr. Clary handed out a memorandum from the Department of Elections and briefed EB on Risk Limiting Audit and how it will be used in the coming election. He also gave EB a copy of the Ballot Inventory.

New Business

Mr. Sayko made a motion to adopt the Officers of Election, second by Mr. Benjamin and the motion carried. The review and appointment of the Officers of Election was tabled because of the time needed for budget discussion. Mr. Clary has a new title, Director of Election.

The Chairwoman handed out calendars of 2021 Electoral Board Meetings, but changes needed to be made and she promised to email them to EB after the meeting was adjourned.

Old Business Budget

The newly elected Chairwoman wanted to know what Cares Act Money was used for; Mr. Clary, Mr. Sayko and Mr. Benjamin shared information with Chairwoman. Chairwoman also asks EB how can we better use Cares Act Money. Ms.

Montgomery asks if Cares Act Money could be used to pay staff for early voting? She also asks for a copy of the Cares Act information.

The Chairwoman recommended that EB have a bidding process for the delivery of equipment to the thirteen precincts and we should start doing MOAs (Memorandum of Agreement). Chairwoman made a motion to raise the Secretary salary by \$88.00 per month, second by Mr. Benjamin and the motion carried. Mr. Sayko opposed.

There were extensive changes made to the current budget and after a lengthy discussion, the budget of \$107,448.00, was adopted by EB. Mr. Sayko had to leave for a doctor's appointment before the budget was adopted.

The chairwoman recommended that we ask finance to pay for early voting and to change codes for some bills to also be paid out of Cares Act Money. The Chairwoman and Secretary agreed to go to finance after the meeting.

THE next EB meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 pm.

Submitted on January 16, 2021

Gilbert J. Benjamin, Secretary