



Floyd County Board of Elections and Registration

October 18, 2022

County Administration Bldg.

Caucus 5:00 PM

Meeting 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Elections and Registration Board Members Jerry Lee, Ralph Davis, Gary Stamper, Pam Peters, Cory Townsend, Election Supervisor Pete McDonald, Election Supervisor Akyn Bailey, County Attorney Virginia Harman

- I. **Welcome** – Chair Lee called the meeting to order.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda** – Lee requested the agenda approval. Mr. Townsend made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Mr. Davis. It was approved 5-0.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Mrs. Peters moved to approve the minutes from the September 20 meeting, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion was approved 5-0.
- V.
- VI. **Old Business**

There was no old business.

- VII. **Election Supervisor Report** – Mr. McDonald reported that Akyn Bailey began work Monday of last week. Early voting began at the Election Center and the Anthony Center The 17th and will continue through November 4th and will include The Saturdays of the 22nd and 29th and Sunday afternoon the 23rd. There was a problem with the state e-Net system being down lasting about an hour and a half, but backup procedures were followed. UOCAVA ballots have been sent as requested. Over 2,000 absentee ballots have been mailed with more requests coming in each day. The new poll pads are being used.

Following early voting voter files on the poll pads will be updated in preparation for delivery on Monday.



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L&A testing continues and should be completed soon. A total of 245 BMDs and printers will be used on election day, the most ever.

All poll managers and assistants have been recruited and all plus all poll workers have been trained.

We have 50,000 sheets of ballot paper, 5,000 emergency ballots, and 5,000 absentee ballots ready for election day.

Signs have been placed announcing the move of the North Carolina precinct to the Pisgah Baptist Church.

Three teams will deliver the voting equipment on November 7th which adds an additional team to get them out to the precincts by 3:30.

SOS has been notified that we plan to process Absentee Ballots early. We will be using members of the Exchange club to assist in this process.

Absentee and OCOVA ballots will be scanned on November 3rd and 4th but not tabulated until 7:00 PM election day. Vote review and Adjudication panels will be available those days to scan and correct any rejected ballots.

The political parties have been notified regarding poll watchers, ballot review and tabulation panels.

All precincts will be open and operating by proper procedures. Election day processes will proceed similar to the primary.

The number of BMDS used has increased especially in the larger precincts.

Plans are under way to conduct the Risk Limiting Audit which will cover one statewide election chosen by the SOS.



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Ms. Bailey had nothing to add to the report.

VIII. County Attorney Report

Ms. Harman had nothing to report.

IX. New Business

There was no new business.

- X. **Public Participation** – There were three public speakers: Amanda Milner appealing her registration denial, Samuel Malone in support of Ms. Milner, and Daniel Eason also in support of Ms. Milner.

Mr. Lee requested a motion to amend the agenda to allow Ms. Milner a chance to present her request for registration. Motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Peters and passed 5-0.

- XI. **Other Business** – Ms. Amanda Milner presented her request to be allowed to register to vote in Floyd County as she intends to make it her place of domicile. A discussion and questioning took place with Ms. Harman indicating that the code is somewhat vague but dictates that the registrant provide evidence of their intent to remain a permanent resident of Floyd County. Ms. Milner presented several items of evidence including bank statements, payroll stubs, etc. After further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Townsend to approve her request to be allowed to register, seconded by Mr. Stamper. The motion passed with Mrs. Peters abstaining.

- XII. **Adjourn** – Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.