

MINUTES, LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, 10: 00 A.M. ON 18 JANUARY 2013 AT ELECTION HEADQUARTERS, 110-C SOUTH HERRITAGE STREET, KINSTON, NC 28502 [File: MinutesBOE18Jan2013]

Present: Chairman Sharon L. Kanter, Secretary Oscar E. Herring, Board Member Kimberly B. Allison, and Elections Director Dana W. King

The Elections Director made brief comments that she knew that the board members had met with the County Manager and the County Attorney and she wished that the board members had talked with her to obtain the desired clarification about the contents of the County Manager’s letter.

The Elections Director stated that Secretary Herring had not sent her any minutes until December and that he came into her office with printed copies from his notebook to make sure she had the correct revisions to the minutes. Secretary Herring agreed with the Elections Director statement that the minutes had been delayed. Board Member, Kimberly B. Allison, asked Mrs. King for a clarification on her statement that Board member Herring had not submitted the minutes to her from August to December.

The Board reviewed the Resolution prepared by the Elections Director which requested the County Commissioners to “*Authorize an Increase to the Board of Elections Budget in the amount of \$20,847*” [\$9,474 for Election Expense and \$11,373 for Overtime Pay for staff for time over 240 hours]. The Elections Director stated that “*this Resolution was sent to the County Manager on 17 January 2013*”. The Elections Director stated that hours up to 240 will be taken as compensatory time off and all over 240 hours to be paid as overtime. Mrs. King clarified that she told the board that the first letter that she sent to the Board was a draft and that she would be finishing it up and sending it to the County Manager and she would send the board members a copy of the final letter. The County Manager was never sent the draft letter – the board members received the draft before her vacation. The Elections Director informed the Board that a new line item had appeared on her budget and pertains to poll worker overtime.

Per the request of the board, the Elections Director provided a document which showed the overtime of each employee:

<u>BH</u>	<u>BP</u>	<u>JA</u>	<u>DK</u>
240	240	240	226.75
7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
7.5	7.5	<u>7.5</u>	7.5
<u>7.5</u>	<u>7.5</u>	217.5	<u>7.5</u>
210	210	7.5	196.75
7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
<u>7.5</u>	7.5	<u>7.5</u>	7.5
187.5	7.5	195	7.5
195*	7.5	7.5	7.5
	<u>7.5</u>	7.5	<u>7.5</u>
	172.5	<u>7.5</u>	159.25
		172.5	<u>4.0</u>

155.25

*The Elections Director sent an email to the Secretary on 1/23/2013 and requested that the overtime for BH be changed to 195.0 and the rationale for the change is that BH planned to take another day but she was unable to take the time because of the mailing of the 6,000 or more cards and the correct amount is 195.

Compensatory time taken as of 18 January 2013:

BP – 12/10/2012, 12/11/2012, 12/12/2012, 12/13/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/18/2012, 1/2/2013, 1/3/2013, 1/4/2013.

JA - 12/19/2012, 12/20/2012, 12/21/2012, 1/2/2013, 1/3/2013, 1/4/2013, 1/15/2013, 1/16/2013, 1/17/2013

BH – 12/12/2012, 12/13/2012, 12/27/2012, 12/28/2012, 12/31/2012, 1/25/2013

DK – 12/10/2012 [conference], 12/11/2012 [conference], 12/27/2012, 12/28/2012, 12/31/2012, 1/7/2013, 1/8/2013, 1/9/2013, 1/10/2013, 1/11/2013, 1/14/2013 [half day]

The Elections Director stated that this is a very busy time; List Maintenance, NCOA Changes, etc.

Questionable Voter Fraud – The voter, whoever it was, came in the first time on 10/18/2012. The second time was 11/3/2012 and voted a provisional ballot. In the past, the staff has been told that they are not handwriting experts but the signatures appeared to be the same on both ATV forms. In addition, the staff reviewed the ballots, recommended to the Board that the provisional ballot be counted and the absentee ballot was deleted by the Elections Director. On January 18, 2013 Oscar E. Herring contacted Johnnie McLean at the SBOE and was informed that the board should have approved the deletion of the absentee ballot. This ballot was discussed at the 18 January 2013 meeting and it was revealed that there are two voters with the same name; Senior and Junior. The Elections Director stated that the staff will contact the two voters and emphasize the importance of their registration identifying them as Senior and Junior.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. on a motion by Oscar E. Herring, a second by Kimberly B. Allison and unanimous approval.

These minutes were electronically approved by the board members on 29 January 2013.

APPROVED 29 JANUARY 2013:

Sharon L. Kanter
Chairman

Kimberly B. Allison
Board Member

Oscar E. Herring
Secretary