

COUNTY OF CARTERET BOARD OF ELECTIONS
1702 Live Oak Street, Beaufort, NC 28516

Regular Minutes, March 6, 2019
9:00 am

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Jeanette Deese called the meeting to order as Chair Rick Heal was not present. Member Amy Holland, Secretary Dale Gillikin, Member Susie Cuthrell, Deputy Director Margot Burke, Director Steve Hines and Tina Purifoy Director of Parks & Recreation.

II. Approval of Agenda

Secretary Gillikin made a motion to approve the agenda with Member Cuthrell seconding it. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comments on 2019 Primary One-Stop Plan

Tina Purifoy stated that using Western Park and Ft. Benjamin for One-Stop locations would put a huge burden on the Park & Rec services and their ability to provide to our community. At this time they have 65 Programs booked and paid for April 9-April 30; 65 Programs booked and paid for June 18-July 9; and 48 Programs booked and paid for August 20-September 10. In addition they have rentals on the books, Instructors that depend on the money they make from offering classes and Spring Break completely booked with parents depending on them being there for child care. On the financial side Parks & Rec stands to lose \$20,000 not including what their instructors will lose. Ms. Purifoy asked to please consider the hundreds of people that depend on these programs for their children and themselves. She also said that she understands how important this election is, but to please look into other locations like a church that isn't used every day. Vice-Chair Deese asked if Parks & Rec could move their programs, Ms. Purifoy stated their other spaces are booked as well. Vice-Chair Deese suggested that Parks & Rec use the Senior Center or the Elementary School next door.

Ms. Purifoy stated their camps sell out within hours, as parents depend on them and they are inexpensive. Vice-Chair Deese suggested that if there is a Second Primary/Runoff we might only have 1 or 2 One-Stop locations, but that our voters are used to 3.

Secretary Gillikin asked Ms. Purifoy if there was a location that might be less intrusive; Ms. Purifoy stated Western in a side room would be less intrusive.

Member Cuthrell stated that our voters are used to 3 sites; especially on the Western end of the county.

Secretary Gillikin stated we have a job to do; we appreciate you bringing this to our attention.

Vice-Chair Deese said we will take this into consideration.

Director Hines recommended that if the school is used by Parks & Rec and there is a cost to them that the Board of Elections offset that cost. He also stated that so far other counties are only having 1 One-Stop location for the Special Primary and to remember that One-Stop is from Wednesday, April 10th through Saturday, April 27th.

Member Holland said if a Second Primary/Runoff happens she will recommend only 1 One-Stop location.

Secretary Gillikin asked if we can have less poll workers; Director Hines said that is the plan and that we are also scheduling for half days for One-Stop schedule.

IV. Adoption of One-Stop Plan for 2019 Primary

Secretary Gillikin made a motion to have 2 One-Stop sites, one on the eastern end of the county at the Board of Elections office and one in the small room at Western Park on the western end of the county.

Member Cuthrell seconded. During discussion Director Hines asked if the motion would include assisting with potential money for Parks & Rec; it was answered with that is something we can discuss at a later time.

Ms. Purifoy stated this was a good compromise. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Purifoy was thanked by the Board for coming.

V. Other Public Comments; nothing new.

VI. Director's Report

a. Budget Update for 2018-2019

Director Hines went over the list of supplies along with pictures of what we would like to order for future elections. Vice-Chair Deese made a motion to place the order, Member Cuthrell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Precinct Name Change

Director Hines submitted to the State that we would like to add Gloucester to Otway/Straits/Bettie precinct name. He hasn't heard back yet.

VII. Other Business

Director Hines informed the Board that Cape Carteret has submitted their paperwork for the change of their government on the November ballot. There will be no additional costs for this as it is just one more thing on the ballot.

VIII. Closed Session

Vice-Chair Deese made a motion to go into closed session for Personnel – NCGS 143-318.11(6), Member Holland seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Board Comments

X. Adjournment

Jeanette Deese, Vice Chair

Dale Gillikin, Secretary

Marjorie Holland, Member

Susie Cuthrell, Member