

## DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

March 10, 2022

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Board of Elections office at 945 N Main Street, Suite A, Lexington, North Carolina 27292.

Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order with the following members present: Belinda Clark, Secretary, Chad Freeman, and Richard Johnson Board Members. Andrew Richards, Director was also present along with six visitors.

Ms. Clark read the minutes from the February 10, 2022 Board Meeting. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Mr. Freeman and it was unanimously approved.

Director, Andrew Richards gave the board an update on the Eastside polling location. First Reformed United Church of Christ voted to allow the Davidson County Board of Elections to use their facility as the new polling location.

Director, Andrew Richards provided the board with maps of the new districts for Congressional, State Senate, and State House that were drawn for Davidson County. Mr. Richards explained that the courts went with a map drawn by a Special Master that put all Davidson County voters in Congressional District 8.

Director, Andrew Richards gave a candidate filing update. Mr. Richards explained that the Lexington City School Board District 4 no one had file which means that race will just have a write-in selection on the ballot in May. Also, there was only one candidate that filed for Handy Sanitary District Board of Supervisors and that one of the current Handy Sanitary Board Members was wanting to file due to him being out of town during the end of the filing period. Mr. Richards explained that the State Board had left the decision to reopen filing for the Handy Sanitary District up the County Board of Elections in Davidson and Montgomery counties but both counties had to be uniformed in their decision in order to reopen filing. Mr. Richards told the board that the Montgomery Board of Elections voted on Tuesday March 8, 2022 to not reopen filing for Handy Sanitary Board of Supervisors but we will would need to take a vote as well. Mr. Freeman made a motion to conduct a vote on whether or not to reoper filing for Handy Sanitary and seconded by Ms. Clark and it was unanimously approved. The Board voted 4 – 0 to not reopen filing for Handy Sanitary District.

Director, Andrew Richards informed the board that the Chief at Wallburg Fire Department had requested us to look at possibly moving the voting precinct from the Fire Department. A couple of concerns that the Chief had were parking and traffic around the fire department on Election Day. Mr. Richards said that while parking can be an issue for that precinct it is mostly due to candidate campaigners that take a number of parking spots that the Voters would be able to use. Mr. Richards had concerns that moving the precinct this close to the primary would not be feasible due to time constraints and recommended that if we wanted to look at moving polling location in Wallburg that we explore that after the May Primary. Mr. Richards also had concerns that while we could move to a church in the precinct, the church can always decide at any point to ask us not to return for future elections and that could cause confusion for voters in that precinct. Mr. Freeman made a motion to

conduct a vote to move the Wallburg Precinct from its current location and seconded by Ms. Clark and it was unanimously approved. The Board voted 4 – 0 to not move the Wallburg precinct location.

Director, Andrew Richards informed the board that the Chief Judge at the Tyro Precinct had talked to Tyro Methodist Church about voting at the church for the Primary but the church has not reopened their facility to the public yet do to Covid-19. The church is meeting Sunday March 13, 2022 to discuss allowing the Board of Elections to use their facility again for the Primary but there is potential for an emergency Board Meeting if the church decides not to allow the Board of Elections to use the church as a polling location for the May Primary.

Director, Andrew Richards informed the board that the links for the state conference were sent out and they should have received one with login instructions. Mr. Richards also provided the board with the conference agenda. The State Conference will be held virtually on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The first day, March 14<sup>th</sup>, is geared toward board members and March 15<sup>th</sup> is more geared toward office staff but the State recommends that board members do attend both days.

Mr. Freeman made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Johnson and it was unanimously approved.

*Belinda Clark* Belinda Clark, Secretary

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