

**AUGUST 12, 2013**

**MINUTES**

The Watauga County Board of Elections met on Monday, August 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Elections office in the courthouse. The following were in attendance: Luther Eggers, William Aceto, Kathleen Campbell, Jane Ann Hodges, Donna Houck, Members of the Media and Citizens.

CALL TO ORDER

Director Hodges called the meeting to order.

MEMBER KATHLEEN CAMPBELL'S COMMENTS

Member Campbell asked Donna Houck to record this meeting. Member Campbell made a motion to move to a different room for the sake of the open meeting. Member Eggers seconded the motion to move the meeting to the Commissioners Board Room and he also made a motion to amend the movement until after the election of board officers. Member Eggers stated this was for purposes of calling the meeting back to order. The Amendment to the motion was seconded by Member Aceto. Member Campbell stated she would like to speak before electing officers. She decried the actions of Member Eggers and Member Aceto, who she said failed to give any specifics about the agenda to her or to elections staff until this morning. She said she sent Member Eggers and Member Aceto emails asking for a copy of the agenda, resolutions and one-stop plan but received no reply. She expressed her concerns that the two members had consulted with each other and others about their plans prior to today and that they are in violation of the open meetings law. Member Aceto stated that he and Member Eggers had not consulted together in any manner which would violate the open meetings law. Member Eggers stated to Member Campbell that it was not appropriate for the Board Members to email between each other, as that would be a violation of the open meetings law.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Director Hodges called for nominations for board chairman. Member Aceto nominated Member Eggers for chairman, seconded by Member Eggers, with the vote being 2 for and 1 against. Member Eggers and Member Aceto voting for and Member Campbell voting against. Member Eggers was elected as Chairman.

Chairman Eggers called for nominations for board secretary. Chairman Eggers nominated Member Aceto for secretary, seconded by Member Aceto, with Chairman Eggers and Member Aceto voting for and Member Campbell voting against. There was discussion by Member Campbell. Member Aceto was elected as Secretary.

#### RECESS

The Board voted unanimously to recess the meeting for fifteen minutes to move to the Commissioners Board Room in the Watauga County Administration Building, located in the building immediately adjacent to the Courthouse, to make room for all in attendance and such move was posted on the bulletin board in the courthouse and on the outside door of the courthouse.

#### RECONVENE

Chairman Eggers called the meeting to order.

#### ADOPT MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD

Upon a motion by Chairman Eggers and seconded by Secretary Aceto, the Board of Elections will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ASSIGNMENT OF DIRECTORS DUTIES

Secretary Aceto made a motion to accept the assignment of the directors duties, seconded by Chairman Eggers. There was discussion by the Board. Upon the call of the question, Member Eggers and Secretary Aceto voted in favor, and Member Campbell voted against. The motion passed. A copy of assignment is attached.

#### NEW REGISTRATIONS AND STATISTICS

Upon a motion by Member Campbell and seconded by Chairman Eggers, 144 new registrations were approved unanimously, pending review.

#### RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS FOR BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Chairman Eggers made a motion to adopt the resolution to establish the public comment process for the Board of Elections, seconded by Secretary Aceto. Member Campbell made a motion to amend the motion for Director Hodges to read the resolution aloud, but the motion dies for lack of a second. There was discussion by the Board. Chairman Eggers called for the vote. Chairman Eggers and Secretary Aceto voted for and when Chairman Eggers asked for all oppose Member Campbell did not hear him and then stated that she is opposed to the resolution. The motion passed. A copy of resolution is attached.

### ADOPT NEW ONE-STOP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 2013 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Secretary Aceto made a motion to adopt the new one-stop implementation plan for the 2013 Municipal Elections, and Chairman Eggers seconded the motion. There was discussion by the Board. Upon the call of the question, Member Eggers and Secretary Aceto voted in favor, and Member Campbell voted against. The motion passed. A copy of one-stop plan is attached.

### RESOLUTION TO RE-COMBINE BOONE PRECINCTS

Chairman Eggers made a motion to adopt the resolution to re-combine Boone precincts 1, 2, and 3, and Secretary Aceto seconded the motion. There was discussion by the Board. Upon the call of the question, Member Eggers and Secretary Aceto voted in favor, and Member Campbell voted against. The motion passed. A copy of resolution is attached.

### RELOCATE MEAT CAMP AND NEW RIVER 3 POLLING PLACE

Secretary Aceto made a motion to relocate the Meat Camp and New River 3 polling places, and Chairman Eggers seconded the motion. There was discussion by the Board. Upon the call of the question, Member Eggers and Secretary Aceto voted in favor, and Member Campbell voted against. The motion passed. A copy of resolution is attached.

### AGREEMENT WITH AVERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR 2013 SEVEN DEVILS ELECTION

Upon a motion by Chairman Eggers and seconded by Member Campbell, the agreement with Avery County Board of Elections for the 2013 Seven Devils Municipal Election was approved, unanimously. A copy of agreement is attached.

### RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE SEVEN DEVILS POLLING PLACE FOR 2013 SEVEN DEVILS ELECTION

Upon a motion by Chairman Eggers and seconded by Secretary Aceto, the resolution to relocate the Seven Devils polling place for the 2013 Seven Devils Municipal Election was approved, unanimously. A copy of resolution is attached.

### AGREEMENT WITH AVERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR 2013 BEECH MOUNTAIN ELECTION

Upon a motion by Chairman Eggers and seconded by Secretary Aceto, the agreement with the Avery County Board of Elections for the 2013 Beech Mountain Municipal Election was approved, unanimously. A copy of agreement is attached.

AGREEMENT WITH CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR 2013 BLOWING ROCK ELECTION

Upon a motion by Secretary Aceto and seconded by Member Campbell, the agreement with the Caldwell County Board of Elections for the 2013 Blowing Rock Municipal Election was approved, unanimously. A copy of agreement is attached.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS CALENDAR

Upon a motion by Chairman Eggers and seconded by Secretary Aceto, the Board set a meeting for the Watauga County Board of Elections Office, the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Director Hodges presented the board members with a map and directions to the conference which is August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Cary, N.C.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Chairman Eggers and seconded by Secretary Aceto, the Board moved to adjourn. There was discussion by Member Campbell. Upon the call of the question, Member Eggers and Secretary Aceto voted in favor, and Member Campbell voted against. The motion passed.

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Luther Eggers, Chairman

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William Aceto, Secretary

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Kathleen Campbell, Member

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Jane Ann Hodges, Director