

November 16, 2021

At 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, the members of the Davie County Board of Elections met Preliminary Consideration of Election Protests in the contest of Town of Cooleemee Commissioner. Present were Gary LeBlanc, Faye Carter, Luther Potts, Robert Raisbeck, Carole Demmy, Ed Vogler, Melissa Parker, and Tabatha Parrish. Also present were Carolyn Overcash, James Overcash, Hellen Daywalt, Jessica Almond, Wendy Terry and Aaron Thies. Carol Loewen, court reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Ed Vogler, County Attorney, described how the meeting would proceed per guidance from Paul Cox, Associate General Counsel with the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

1. Certify the Cooleemee Commissioner top candidate
2. Per G.S.163-182.8-Determining result in case of a tie
3. Proceed based upon result.

Having certified the municipal election results at the November 9th meeting, the Board of Elections certified the candidates prior to the Protest Hearing. Luther Potts moved to certify Andrew Reavis, the top vote getter, as a winner of one of the two seats. The motion was unanimous. The instructions for determining the winner of a second seat pursuant to instruction from Paul Cox and G.S. 163-182.8 was by way of a coin flip. Chairman LeBlanc flipped a coin provided by Ed Vogler. The winner of the coin flip was not the candidate which was subject to the protest. Carole Demmy moved to certify Chris Almond as the winner of the second seat. The motion was unanimous.

The Board then began the hearing on the protest and determined the question of residency was a moot question since the candidate of the protest had not won the election. Robert Raisbeck moved to dismiss the protest because the question was moot since the candidate of the protest had not won the election. The motion was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Tabatha Parrish, Director for
Faye Carter, Secretary