

Davie County Board of Elections

Regular Meeting

March 7, 2023

Present: Gary LeBlanc, chair, Faye Carter, secretary, Luther Potts, Rob Raisbeck, Carole Demmy, Melissa Parker, Director, Cindy Kirkus, Deputy Director

The chair called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Rob moved that the minutes be approved from the February 6, regular meeting and the February 24, 2023, closed meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Director's Compensatory Time: Gary and Rob shared the discussion with Mr. Barnett, County Manager, concerning the compensatory time situation with the Director. Either a salary increase to compensate for the over time or we grant comp time commensurate to the hours worked beyond the 40 hour work week. There has been no response as yet. Another option might be a hybrid in which a salary increase as well as some comp hours are granted. See attached rationale and time frame pertaining to this subject.

Once Mr. Barnett responds, we will then make a resolution to the County Board.

Hillsdale Precinct: Rick Cross, Bermuda Run Mayor, asked that the Hillsdale precinct be moved to another location from the town building. Melissa and Gary toured Calvary West Baptist Church and found it to fulfill the requirements (restrooms, outlets, handicapped access, curbside, security, and electioneering requirements). No cost was discussed. An ADA survey will be completed with Melissa and the pastor prior to our resolution to the State BOE to move the precinct site.

It will cost about \$3000 for the mailers and other information to voters. Gary will broach the subject of assisting with this cost to the Bermuda Run Manager, since it was their idea.

"Forward Party": A petition was submitted for the creation of a new political party.

Express Vote Printer: Discussion about a specific printer to be used in the precincts to alleviate some human error in the voting process, in particular the assigning of voters' home precinct during Early Voting.

Luther moved that two printers be purchased for the cost of about \$800 each, to be used in the Fall 2023 Early Voting season. Motion passed.

For our information: A large number of building permits were issued. The BOE may have to consider splitting precincts to accommodate the potential influx of voters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Demmy, on behalf of the Davie County Board of Elections