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**Minutes
November 3, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.**

Present: Kathy Knight, Chair
Bob Randall, Secretary
Jamie Cox, Member
Tracy Reams, Director

Also present: Glen Stoudemire, Printelect Technician to retrieve write-in data from the DS200s that were used and tested at four early voting sites and Vicki Boyer.

Call to order: Kathy Knight, Chair called the meeting to order. There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Approval of Board Minutes: Mr. Randall moved and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to approve the October 27, 2015 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Director Reams provided:

- Report of One-Stop Ballots Cast
- Report of Absentee By-Mail Ballots Cast

Report of One-Stop Ballots Cast:

The director reported that a total of 3,745 one-stop ballots have been cast to date. Early voting statistics show a total of 3,744 one-stop ballots cast. One voter from Orange County, City of Durham cast a ballot that will be sent to Durham County BOE to count in order to preserve secrecy of the ballot.

Report of Absentee By-Mail Ballots Cast:

The director reported that there were 5 overseas and 28 civilian ballots cast for which approval is recommended. There are 2 ballots for which rejection is recommended due to one having only one witness and the other recently registered in California. The Orange County voter has been notified of their option to vote at an early voting site or on Election Day in order for their vote to count. California voter has also been notified that the ballot cannot be counted due to residence requirements.

Board Actions:

Mr. Randall made a motion and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to approve the 3,745 one-stop ballots cast. The motion was unanimous. The Board tabulated and signed the results tape for the one-stop sites that shall be certified at Canvass. The ending counts are as follows: BOE – 322; Carrboro – 888; Chapel of the Cross – 832, Seymour – 1,702 and 1 City of Durham, Orange County voter's ballot was sent to Durham County to be counted.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to reject 2 ballots due to reasons as stated in director's report. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to approve 5 overseas and 28 civilian absentee by-mail ballots received to date. The motion was unanimous. The Board opened the application envelopes and the ballots were inserted into the M100 tabulator. The ending count on the tabulator was 71.

The Board recorded the write-in votes cast at the one-stop voting sites and the absentee by-mail write-in votes.

The Board certified and signed the absentee abstracts that shall be submitted to the State Board of Elections as required. Absentee results shall be held and released at 7:30 p.m.

Board Discussion:

The director reported that there were 3 provisional ballots cast during early voting. The Board agreed to consider the 3 provisional ballots at the provisional/sample audit count meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. with the Canvass to follow at 11:00 a.m.

The Board asked the director to setup a meeting with the administrator of the Chapel of the Cross so that they can have a discussion about how things worked for the 2015 early voting site and if there are any improvements that can or needs to be addressed for 2016. The director will setup a meeting to be held at the Chapel of the Cross.

Kathy Knight reported that she spoke with Greg Andrews and the Efland Ruritan Bldg. will be available for early voting for the March and November Elections.

Adjournment: Mr. Randall moved and Mr. Cox seconded the motion that the Board adjourn. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

After the meeting the Board and director traveled with Jeff Thompson, Asset Management Director to tour and evaluate the Cedar Grove Community Center for a potential early voting site.

At 5:00 pm the Board met with County Management to discuss a personnel matter. The director was not present and shall not be required to prepare minutes of the meeting.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: November 10 – 10 am – Provisional/Sample Count

November 10 – 11 am – Canvass