

AGENDA
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020-9:00 AM
REGULAR MEETING
309 N. MAIN STREET-ANNEX BLDG-WARRENTON NC
VIA CONFERENCE CALL
Call in 701-802-5244, access code 5338442, pin 8905

I. CALL TO ORDER Chair Esther Terry

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZEN COMMENT

ACTION: _____

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

ACTION: _____

V. CITIZENS COMMENTS

ACTION: _____

Please note that all citizen comments should be made at this time.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 07/09/2020

ACTION: _____

VII. APPROVAL OF DIRECTORS REPORT

ACTION: _____

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**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
JUNE 9, 2020-9:00 AM
(VIA CONFERENCE CALL)
WARRENTON, NC**

PRESENT: Debbie Formyduval, Ebony Talley Brame, Adrian Williams (Democracy NC), Edith Henderson, Cosmos George, Henry Durham, Esther Terry, John Mooring, Shauna Davis, Tanja Douse, Steven Mullenix, Sara Moseley, Yarbrough Williams, James Roberts.

Chair Esther Terry called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

Following welcome to all attendees, Chair Terry recommended that the Board adopt the agenda as presented adding discussion for the One-Stop Voting Implementation Plan following public comment. Steven Mullenix made a point of order that the items added or changed should follow the approval of the minutes for the June meeting and Directors Report.

Steven Mullenix made a motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by James Roberts and passed unanimously.

Steven Mullenix made a motion to approve the Director's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by James Roberts and passed unanimously. (Attachment 1)

Chair Esther Terry opened the floor for citizen comment asking each to speak for no more than 3 minutes. The following comments were heard:

Comments were heard from:

Cosmos George-Good Morning!

My name is Dr. Cosmos George, NAACP

As a physician, I strongly urge the Warren County Board of Elections to provide multiple Early Voting sites during the election because of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Having multiple sites would provide added social distancing and avoid crowding. Thus, both Poll workers and voters would have less exposure to the corona virus and less risk of contracting and spreading the disease. Not to mention the risk of dying if Covid-19 is contracted by an individual. The cost of adding an extra voting site is much less than treating a hospitalized case of Covid-19.

Areas for consideration for an added site would include Arcola, Manson-Drewery, Afton and Norlina-Wise which are far from downtown Warrenton.

An extra voting site is like an insurance policy. It shows the community that this board cares about the community's health and democratic rights by deciding to implement Covid-19 preventive measures.

Thus, based on the health benefits, I highly recommend opening additional Early voting site(s) for the 2020 election.

The disease that is prevented or the life that is saved could be your own! Thank you

Yabrough Williams representing the Warren County Democratic Party indicated that he agreed with the comments of Dr. George.

Ebony Brame -spoke on behalf of her sorority and indicated that she was in agreement with previous comments.

Shauna Davis echoed her sentiments that more voting sites were needed.

Tonya Douse spoke on behalf of a sorority and indicated that she would like to see Sunday voting added.

Adrian Williams indicated that she was in agreement with previous citizens comments and asked the board to consider a site for Norlina, where adequate parking and curbside voting could be held. She also asked that Arcola be considered for a site in light of the fact that many do not have adequate transportation in the area.

Sara Moseley indicated that we waived any comments and that she felt that the BOE staff could assist her with her request.

At this point, Chair Terry thanked the ones that shared comments and opened the floor for discussion among board members. Steven Mullenix suggested more weekend hours. Debbie provided information regarding staffing. Esther asked the Board to keep in mind budget cost associated with adding additional sites.

Henry Durham recommended two additional sites based on highest number of early voting and that the possibility of utilizing Vaughan Elementary school as a site to serve the eastern portion of Warren County. James Roberts indicated that he felt the fire department would be a good site.

Steven Mullenix made a motion to amend the one stop voting site to include:

All Saturday voting 10/17/2020 and 10/24/2020 until 7:00 PM

Note the final Saturday of operations is set for closing at 3 pm by statute.

To add 2 additional early voting sites to be located at Vaughan Elementary School pending approval by the Warren County Board of Education and Norlina Volunteer Fire Department-Annex Building. The motion was seconded by Henry Durham and passed unanimously.

Director Formyduval reviewed the Precinct official list with board members and noted that the requirements for Chief Judge and Judges of Election had been satisfied and with the few assistant positions available that there is always last-minute request to work and this is where new staffers are placed. Henry Durham made a motion to approve the Notice of Precinct officials as presented. The motion was seconded by Steven Mullenix and passed unanimously. (see attachment 2)

Being no further business before the board, Chair Esther Terry adjourned the meeting at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

(Seal)

James Roberts-Secretary

ATTEST:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
PERIOD: JULY 1, 2020-JULY 31, 2020
PREPARED BY: DEBBIE FORMYDUVAL-DIRECTOR

ELECTION PROGRAMMING: Staff activity during this period has been all about preparing for November and the Presidential Election. Each day brings more purchases and delivery of PPE materials. Staff and team members have been busy stocking election day precinct containers as well as preparing materials for the additional one stop sites. We have secured the annex building at the Norlina Fire Department as well as the cafeteria space at Vaughan Elementary School. We have purchased new laptops and printers for use with HAVA funds and installed VPN networks for transmission to the BOE office.

In working with the Board of Education, we have determined that it would be in the best interest of the school system as well as the voters for the Board of Elections to utilize the cafeteria space that would be away from school activities since lunches will be served in the classroom due to COVID-19 when students return.

We are setting up the Board of Elections traffic flow so that voters will be directed to enter from Main Street and exit near the BOE office. Curbside voting will be available as in the past. I am working with county buildings and grounds to make necessary repairs to broken sidewalk areas for accessibility.

We have seen an increase in absentee ballot request forms coming into our office. To date, we have just under 150 and request continue to arrive daily. Absentee request is expected to increase once the State Voter Guide is released since it contains a blank form in the mailing. During a Presidential, it takes one staffer full time to complete and mail absentee ballot materials. Legislation has changed the mail absentee return container and orders have been placed with our vendor.

Tom spends a good bit of time pulling data from past presidential elections so that we are able to ship adequate supplies to each new one stop site. Measures are being taken to ensure security of all sites. I will be reaching out to the newspaper for an interview in the near future to make the public aware of all that will be available to them during the upcoming election cycle.

Training of precinct officials is going to look quite a bit different for the upcoming election due to social distancing, we are working on some plans that we believe will serve us well.

BUDGET: Our office has been working directly with the finance office to ensure that all qualifying invoices are charged to COVID funds as well as HAVA funds.

OTHER ACTIVITY: During the week of July 23, 2020, I worked with Angelina to obtain cost estimates for submission of a grant to increase citizen participation in the 2020 Census. If awarded funding, we hope to go out into our communities and offer refreshments and an opportunity to submit individual census information. Everyone has a stake in the census. It can hurt or help the county for the next ten years. Do your part and remind friends and neighbors.

MEETINGS AND TRAININGS FOR THIS PERIOD:

- 7/08/2020 Online Training-NCSBOE
- 7/9/2020 Conference call board meeting
- 7/15/2020 SBOE online weekly meeting
- 7/20/2020 online meeting directors
- 7/23/2020 online meeting -Print-elect
- 7/29/2020 SBOE online meeting

STATISTICS: See attached NVRA report

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

NVRA REPORT

Reporting Period: 7/1/2020 - 7/28/2020

Totals

Active	11,295
Inactive	1,749
Total Registration	13,044

REPORTING PERIOD

Registrations Approved	56
Total Registrations Removed	49
Inactive Registrations Removed	10

New Registrations

00 - No Application Source	0
01 - Public Assistance	0
02 - Disability	0
03 - Other (ESC)	0
04 - Armed Forces	0
05 - DMV	25
06 - Mail-in	18
07 - In-person	5
08 - Library & High School	0
09 - Spanish Language Application	0
10 - Online Registration	15
17 - Registration Drives	0
96 - Temporary FWAB Registrant	0
97 - Temporary FPCA Registrant	0
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Duplicates

00 - No Application Source	0
01 - Public Assistance	0
02 - Disability	0
03 - Other (ESC)	0
04 - Armed Forces	0
05 - DMV	9
06 - Mail-in	76
07 - In-person	4
08 - Library & High School	0
09 - Spanish Language Application	0
10 - Online Registration	3
17 - Registration Drives	0
95 - Voter Return of NCOA	1
96 - Temporary FWAB Registrant	0
97 - Temporary FPCA Registrant	0
98 - Voter Change On Confirmation	0
99 - Voter Change On Verification	0
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Changes of Information

00 - No Application Source	0
01 - Public Assistance	0
02 - Disability	0
03 - Other (ESC)	0
04 - Armed Forces	0
05 - DMV	16
06 - Mail-in	21
07 - In-person	3
08 - Library & High School	0
09 - Spanish Language Application	0
10 - Online Registration	9
17 - Registration Drives	0
95 - Voter Return of NCOA	2
96 - Temporary FWAB Registrant	0
97 - Temporary FPCA Registrant	0
98 - Voter Change On Confirmation	0
99 - Voter Change On Verification	2
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Verifications

# of 1st & 2nd verification mailings sent	126
# of 1st NCOA mailings sent	71
# of 1st verification returned undeliverable	3
# of verification returned by voter	2

Confirmations

# of confirmations returned by voter	0
# of confirmations sent	4
# of confirmations returned undeliverable	1
# of confirmations not returned at all	0

COUNTY STATISTICAL

Constitution	3
Democratic	8,487
Green	0
Libertarian	41
Republican	1,961
Unaffiliated	2,552
American Indian	544
Asian	24
Black	6,659
Multi-Racial	50
White	5,141
Other	123
Undesignated	503
Hispanic	73
Not Hispanic	8,945
Undesignated	4,026
Female	6,883
Male	5,737

Undesignated

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Unprocessed Registrations - Incomplete Queue

00 - No Application Source	0
01 - Public Assistance	0
02 - Disability	0
03 - Other (ESC)	0
04 - Armed Forces	0
05 - DMV	0
06 - Mail-in	0
07 - In-person	0
08 - Library & High School	0
09 - Spanish Language Application	0
10 - Online Registration	0
17 - Registration Drives	0
95 - Voter Return of NCOA	0
96 - Temporary FWAB Registrant	0
97 - Temporary FPCA Registrant	0
98 - Voter Change On Confirmation	0
99 - Voter Change On Verification	0

Unprocessed Registrations - Archive Queue

00 - No Application Source	0
01 - Public Assistance	0
02 - Disability	0
03 - Other (ESC)	0
04 - Armed Forces	0
05 - DMV	0
06 - Mail-in	0
07 - In-person	0
08 - Library & High School	0
09 - Spanish Language Application	0
10 - Online Registration	0
17 - Registration Drives	0
95 - Voter Return of NCOA	0
96 - Temporary FWAB Registrant	0
97 - Temporary FPCA Registrant	0
98 - Voter Change On Confirmation	0
99 - Voter Change On Verification	0

Unprocessed Registrations - Review Queue

00 - No Application Source	0
01 - Public Assistance	0
02 - Disability	0
03 - Other (ESC)	0
04 - Armed Forces	0
05 - DMV	0
06 - Mail-in	0
07 - In-person	0
08 - Library & High School	0
09 - Spanish Language Application	0
10 - Online Registration	0
17 - Registration Drives	0

96 - Temporary FWAB Registrant	0
97 - Temporary FPCA Registrant	0