

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting

984-D Thompson St., Pittsboro, NC 27312

September 12, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.

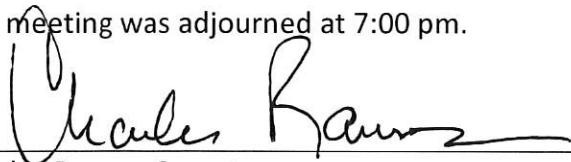
The Chatham County Board of Elections held a Special Meeting after witnessing a Public Demonstration of the three vendors certified to do business in the state of North Carolina (ES&S, Clear Ballot and Hart InterCivic). The Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections office at, 984-D Thompson Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312. The following people were present, Laura Heise, Chair, Charles Ramos, Secretary, Amy Robena Meek, member, Brian Bock, member, Mark Barroso, member, Director, Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director, Steve Simos, and Carla Daniel, Machine Technician (See attached sign in sheet for citizens who were present).

The demonstration was held in Chatham County on September 16, 2019 at the Chatham County Agricultural and Conference Center from 9:00 AM – 7:30 PM. the purpose of the meeting was to discuss voting equipment and to make a preliminary recommendation to County Commissioners as to which system to acquire for purchase in Chatham County.

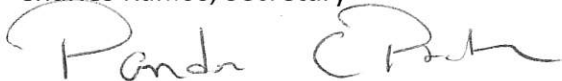
Chair, Laura Heise called the meeting to order by giving citizens in attendance the opportunity to give comments or concerns pertaining to the voting equipment, which was displayed at the Public Demonstration (see attached written comments by the citizens who were present). All citizens who were present favored hand marked paper ballots over ballots with barcodes. They all thought each vendors system was secure, but were very interested in trying something different.

The board and staff weighed the pros and cons of each vendor very carefully before a decision was made for recommendation. Amy Meek, member made the motion to move forward with Hart InterCivic. Mark Barroso, member seconded the motion. The vote was 4-1, Charles Ramos, preferred ES&S. The board adopted a resolution to preliminarily recommend to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for the adoption and acquisition of voting equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.



Charles Ramos, Secretary



Pandora Paschal, Attest