CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS ABSENTEE MEETING

Chatham County Board of Elections Office 984 Thompson Street, Suite F Pittsboro, NC 27312 Live Streamed by TAJTalk.com November 3, 2020 – 2:00 P.M.

The Chatham County Board of Elections met at the Chatham County Board of Elections office at 984 Thompson Street Suite F, Pittsboro, NC 27312 on November 3, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. via live stream video provided by TaJTalk to conduct the business of counting absentee ballots for the November 3, 2020 election. Citizens were given the opportunity to listen only.

The following people were present: Chair Laura Heise, Secretary Charles Ramos, Member Amy Meek, Member Frank Dunphy II, Member Mark Barroso, Director Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director Steve Simos, and Videographer Aaron Hall.

Call to Order

Chair Laura Heise called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. by asking Secretary Charles Ramos to lead everyone in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Precinct Printer Issues

Director Pandora Paschal gave the board an update on the printer problems which occurred at North Williams Precinct at the start of Election Day. When voters presented to vote on Election Day morning the precinct officials looked up the voter and clicked the vote button. The authorization to vote did not print because the printer was offline. The precinct officials looked the voters up again to reprint the application. The software showed the voter had already voted. The precinct officials should have proceeded to use the backup labels to process the voters. Instead eligible voters were processed as provisional voters. The printer issue was resolved and voting resumed as normal.

Voter Challenges

Deputy Director Steve Simos presented the board with 3 absentee ballots to be challenged for the following reasons:

- Removed voter registered in another county Member Mark Barroso made the motion to disallow the removed voter's ballot. Member Amy Meek seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Deceased voter notified board by near relative Member Frank Dunphy II made the motion to disallow the deceased voter's ballot. Secretary Charles Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Voter disputed voting returned absentee mail ballot Member Amy Meek made the motion to disallow the disputed ballot, and approve the returned reissued ballot. Member Frank Dunphy II seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The board will make adjustments to the counting of this ballots at the Canvass meeting on November 13, 2020.

Tabulating Absentee Ballots

The board turned the keys on all absentee voting machines for the November 13, 2020 elections. Abstracts were completed for absentee mail, in person absentee, civilian, military, and overseas voters.

The meeting was adjourned.

Note: Board members stayed at the office to oversee precinct returns, the uploading of votes on Hart Verity Count and uploads to the Election Night Reporting software through the State Elections Information Management System to display results to the public.

Charles Ramos, Secretary
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Pandora Paschal, Attest