

SUMMARY OF SUBJECTS ACTED ON AT THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Members present:

Phil Johnson
Kelly Robinson
Dustin Thompson

Motion passed to approve the Minutes from the August 17, 2020 Regular Board meeting as written.

Motion passed to remove the challenged deceased voters from the electors list.

Motion passed to install ballot drop box at the Westside Precinct located on Salem Road for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Motion passed to utilize the advance satellite location at Porter Memorial Branch Library for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Motion passed to allow the tabulation clerks to be paid an hourly rate of \$9.00/hour during early processing of absentee ballots.

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Phil Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Phil Johnson, Kelly Robinson, Dustin Thompson, and Angela Mantle, Director.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Guest in attendance was Joyce Wilson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 17, 2020 Regular meeting as written. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Robinson made a motion to approve the removal of the challenged deceased voters from the electors list. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Robinson made a motion to install a second ballot drop box at the Westside Precinct located on Salem Road for the November 3, 2020 General Election. The Board discussed the issue regarding a second drop box. Chairman Johnson stated that this location would be good since over half of the population in the county is west of the Yellow River. Ms. Robinson said that there are two high traffic areas in the county and they are the Square and Salem Road. Mr. Thompson expressed concerns with cost, location, and possible voter fraud. After further discussion, Chairman Johnson seconded the motion and asked for a vote. The motion passed with 2 votes in favor of the motion (Johnson and Robinson) and 1 opposing vote (Thompson).

The Board discussed the opening of the advance satellite location. Mr. Thompson made a motion to utilize the use of the Porter Memorial Branch Library for the November 3, 2020 General/Special Election. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board decided to discuss the early processing of absentee ballots at their next board meeting. Ms. Mantle did approach the Board and asked if the tabulation clerks for early processing could be paid the same amount as the advance poll clerks. Mr. Thompson made a motion to allow the tabulation clerks to be paid an hourly rate of \$9.00/hour during early processing. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Board was provided with a copy of the monthly status report showing the number of Active and Inactive voters as of September 1, 2020: Active – 75,222 and Inactive – 5,752.

The Board was also provided with a copy of a monthly report showing the breakdown of 3,716 voter registration applications received for the month of August 2020. The office processed 361 transferred out-of-county voters and 108 cancellations.

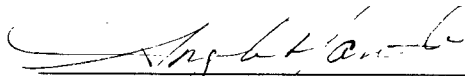
The Board was provided with a copy of the monthly budget comparison statement as of September 8, 2020.

Ms. Mantle told the Board that over 11,500 absentee ballot applications had been received and processed.

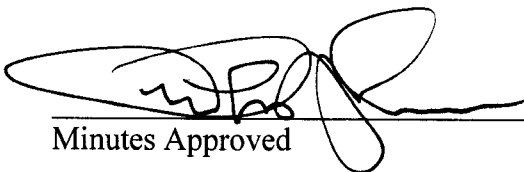
Ms. Mantle informed that Board that poll worker training would take place September 22nd to October 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Johnson asked if anyone had any other business to discuss before adjourning the meeting. Ms. Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



Minutes Prepared by: Angela Mantle, Director



Minutes Approved

10-12-2020
Date