

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
ABSENTEE BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024 per G.S.

Participants: Melanie Thibault, Judy Fritts, Kathy Tinsley, Gary Dills, Lynne Garrison, & John Vanhook. Mr. Gillette was unable to attend.

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 5 PM.

1. Minutes from 17 November 2023, (Canvass Meeting): Ms. Garrison made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. VanHook seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. Attachment 1

2. Invoices: The Board reviewed nine invoices (below) and the Chair signed each. Attachment 2

- Gibson Lock & Key \$159.06 – change locks at voting site
- Amazon \$43.50 – office supplies
- FedEx \$218.77 – shipping to HART
- Hart \$1019.47 – ballot paper
- Hart \$1200.94 - Testing
- Judy Fritts \$304.70 – travel
- John Williams \$312.20 - travel
- (2) Embassy Suites \$687.04 – Accommodations for Mr. Williams and Ms. Fritts

3. Approve list of Early Voting workers for Primary Election for Highlands and Franklin sites: The Director provided a listing of Judges for the upcoming primary. Mr. Dills made a motion to accept the individuals in the positions noted. Ms. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. Attachment 3

4. Memorandum from NC State Board of Elections: The Director provided the following documents from the State Board of Elections:

- Absentee Ballot Distribution
- Memo 2023-05, Same Day registration
- Memo 2023-06, election observers
- Memo 2023-07, Early Voting Official appointment

5. Absentee ballots Review: The Staff provided 15 absentee ballots for review. We have provided 139 absentee ballots to voters as of today. The Board members

reviewed each ballot envelope. Mr. Dills made a motion to accept the 15 ballots. Ms. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. Mr. Dills and Ms. Tinsley observed Ms. Garrison and Mr. VanHook enter the ballots into the voting machine. The initial counter on the machine was zero. At the end of the ballot input, the machine count read 15. The Director suspended the poll.

6. Budget: The Board reviewed the year-to-date budget: We are at an expected 54% spending level with the largest expenditure expected over the next two months.  
Attachment 4

7. Adjourn: With no further business, Mr VanHook made a motion to adjourn until 20 February 2024 at 5 PM. Ms. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. The Board adjourned at 5:35 PM.

#### Attachments

1. Minutes from 17 November 2023
2. Invoices (9)
3. Staff for early voting in primary
4. Year-to -Date Budget report