

April 13, 2021

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met at the Cumberland County Courthouse at 1:00PM for their regular monthly meeting.

Present: Floyd Johnson, Chairman Linda Devore, Secretary
 Irene Grimes, Member Bobby Swilley, Member
 Helen Nelson, Member Terri Robertson, Director

Guests: Peter Apone

Chairman Floyd Johnson called the meeting to Order at 1:00PM and presented the Agenda.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to accept the agenda as presented.
 Seconded and approved unanimously.

Director Robertson announced there are no members of the public signed up for comments.

ACTION: Secretary Devore presented minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting for approval. Approved unanimously.

Director Robertson reported that two precincts discussed at our February meeting need to be adjusted to address polling site locations. The current Eastover 02 voting site will no longer be available, but there is a Rec Center on Pembroke Lane adjacent to the boundary of Eastover 02, which has the needed space, is ADA compliant, and is a public building. Staff is recommending that we request moving the precinct boundary to include the census block the Rec Center sits on into Eastover 02. The census block does not include any registered voters. We will need a Resolution for the state to consider this change.

The other precinct polling site that needs addressing is Long Hill precinct. The current site at Cedar Falls Baptist Church is adjacent to the precinct. We do not want to change the polling site. Staff is recommending that we request moving the precinct boundary to include two adjacent unoccupied census blocks including the church and other commercial property, so that the polling site will be within the precinct boundary.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to approve the two Resolutions that would move small, unoccupied census blocks into Eastover 02 and Long Hill precincts for the purpose of compliance with state guidelines for precinct polling sites. Seconded and approved unanimously.

Member Grimes inquired about any changes to the municipal election dates.

Director Robertson explained that the census data is not expected to be available in sufficient time for cities with districts to complete redistricting in time to comply with the current election calendar for an October primary. The state Executive Director has recommended to the General Assembly that all municipal elections be postponed into 2022 to avoid voter confusion, however, it is possible the General Assembly could leave the smaller municipalities on the current schedule.

Member Grimes inquired whether it would be more expensive for the small municipalities if their elections are not on the same date as the city elections.

Director Robertson said it would be more expensive for the small municipalities.

Secretary Devore commented that the municipals would likely be moved to the spring of 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 PM.

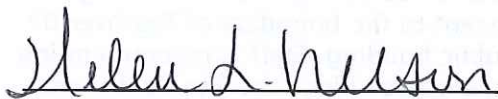
Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Submitted by,



Linda Devore, Secretary

Chairman

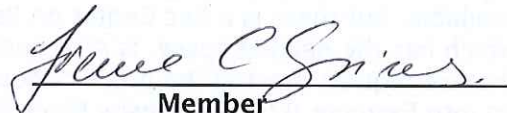


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