



WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

— 842 W. KING STREET • BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA 28607 —

JANE ANN HODGES
DIRECTOR

4-1-15

MINUTES

The Watauga County Board of Elections met on Wednesday April 1st, 2015 at 5 pm in the County Commissioners Boardroom. The following were in attendance: Chairman Luther Eggers, Secretary William Aceto, Board Member Kathleen Campbell, Director Jane Ann Hodges, Members of the Media and public.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Eggers called the meeting to order

Change of Agenda Item

Member Campbell made a motion to reverse the order of the agenda to have public comment prior to the Director Appointment which was seconded by Secretary Aceto. 3 - 0 vote

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Member Campbell to approve the draft minutes from the February 11, 2015 board meeting was seconded by Secretary Aceto. 3 - 0 Vote

Motion by Secretary Aceto to approve the closed session minutes was seconded by Chairman Eggers. 2 - 0 vote with Member Campbell abstained.

New Registrations and Statistics

65 new registrations were approved pending review with a unanimous vote. Member Campbell Motion was Seconded by Secretary Aceto.

Public Comment

Several citizens of Watauga County spoke during public comment including Debra Green about her application to be considered for the Director position, Ian O'keefe, Pam Williamson, & Bobby Byrd who spoke in support of nominee Matt Synder for the director position citing he was a man of integrity and excellent with numbers.

Director Appointment-

Chairman Eggers made a motion to nominate Matt Synder to the Director position which was seconded by Secretary Aceto. A lengthy discussion ensued with Member Campbell objecting to a lack of a formal process and voicing support for Nancy Henry and Debra Greene. Secretary Aceto voiced support for Matt Synder as the next election director and addresses his concerns about the two individuals Member Campbell discussed. Secretary Aceto asked to call the question. The call of the question did not receive a second. Chairman Eggers made additional remarks about his support for Matt Synder. Chairman Eggers then called the vote to appoint Matt Synder as the Watauga County Elections Director. The motion passed by a vote of 2 - 1 with Chairman Eggers & Secretary Aceto voting yes and Member Campbell opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Chairman Eggers and seconded by Secretary Aceto, the Board moved to adjourn unanimously.

Luther Eggers, Chairman

William Aceto, Secretary

Kathleen Campbell, Member

Jane Ann Hodges, Director