

**Director's Report
June 21, 2006**

During the last board meeting held on June 7th, the board voted to revise the July meeting schedule and set the meeting date for July 19th. Three of our staff members; Alva, Katie and me are scheduled for SEIMS training in Raleigh on the 19th. I contacted the SBOE to possibly reschedule the training but the alternate date is scheduled for October 18th which will be inconvenient for staff members to attend with a November 7th election day. I contacted all three board members last week to request that the meeting date be moved to Friday, July 21st in order for staff to attend and all three were in agreement. I would like to confirm that date and have a motion to document the change.

I also notified all three board members by phone that Mr. Charlie Smith had requested that the board discuss his request for the Indian Beach/Salter Path polling place to be relocated to the Salter Path Fire Department. The discussion was tabled until after the May 2nd primary at Chairman Henderson's request. Mr. Smith indicated that he would like to be present during discussions and would be available anytime after July 4th. He also indicated that he would like to be notified of the meeting in time to contact a group of interested citizens who would like to speak to the board regarding the polling place change. I have attempted to contact Mr. Smith via e-mail and have mailed him a hard copy of the e-mail regarding the July 21st meeting date.

As a reminder, the training at the School of Government in Chapel Hill will be held on July 17th and 18th. Please let me know if you plan to attend. I will make reservations once I know who plans to attend. I would like for all of the staff to attend this training as core courses are being offered with emphasis on the new voter registration program for SEIMS. Reservations have been confirmed for the SBOE Directors' Conference in Asheville for Bill, Harry, and me.

Chairman Henderson had previously requested information regarding the fee schedule for the Board of Elections. I have researched the minutes and cannot find any indication of a fee schedule that was approved and adopted by the board of elections. However, the current fees are included in the budget currently adopted by the board of commissioners and would need to be presented to them if a change is requested.

The current fees are listed as follows:

\$25.00 for information on magnetic medium regardless of content

10 cents per page for printed information

G.S. 163-82.10.(b) Access to Registration Records in part states "The county board shall require each person to whom a list is furnished to reimburse the board for the actual cost incurred in preparing it, except as provided in subsection (c) of the section. Actual cost for the purpose of this section shall not include the cost of any equipment or any imputed overhead expenses. When furnishing information under this subsection to a purchaser on a magnetic medium provided by the county board or the purchaser, the county board may impose a service charge of up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)."

Our staff has conducted a small survey regarding the fees charged by other counties for this information. The results are as follows:

	Magnetic Format	Printed Material (cost per page)
Beaufort	\$10	3 cents
Craven	\$25	15 cents
Onslow	\$25	10 cents
Wayne	\$25	10 cents
Durham	\$25	1 cent
Cleveland	\$25	5 cents
Moore	\$10 (provide own disk)	1 cent

The office staff has calculated the actual cost in providing printed material to be approximately 2 cents per page. This information is for discussion only at this time and does not require action.

On a final note, the board had requested that I work on voter outreach regarding the AutoMark voting machine. I have contacted Lori Brault, Social Worker for the Blind, who is employed by the Division of Services for the Blind. She has an office in the Carteret County DSS building and is in this county one day a week. I indicated that we would like to have an AutoMark set up in the office for individuals of the visually impaired population to be able to access. SW Brault works closely with individuals in the community and with groups such as the Lions' Club. I will continue to update the board as this outreach program evolves.

