

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CARTERET
1510 LIVE OAK STREET
BEAUFORT, NC 28516
OCTOBER 31, 2006**

The Carteret County Board of Elections met on this date at 2:30 PM in the Elections' office. All three board members along with Director Lewis, Deputy Director Alva Gillikin and Elections Specialist Katie Muns were present.

Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the October 17, 2006 meeting were read and approved. Secretary Rivers made the motion to approve, seconded by Member Verdon. Motion passed, 3-0.

Chairman Henderson called for public comment. Doug Raymond, TV 49, complimented the office staff and the early voting staff for the courtesy shown to the public and media during this busy election time.

Chairman Henderson recognized Bob Pruett, Chairman of the Carteret County Republican Party, who had asked to address the board. Mr. Pruett stated he would like to go on record in strong support of the Western Park one-stop voting site and offer his support in keeping this site available to voters. He stated that rumors had been abundant regarding the possibility that the board might not continue early voting at the western site. He stated that he felt the site had proven useful and convenient and that the number of voters supported continued voting. Chairman Henderson stated that he had made a comment during the May primary that if the numbers weren't there, the western site would not continue. He further stated that he was pleased with the number of voters turning out during this election and certainly felt that the site would be necessary during the 2008 Presidential Election to help alleviate lines at the Beaufort office. He stated that he felt that the board would need to take a look at the site prior to the municipal elections which will be held in November of 2007. He stated that the cost to maintain the site during these elections would be transferred to the municipalities. Member Verdon stated that she had been to the western site almost every day and had found that there were still some people who stated that they were just finding out about the site. Sean Conner, Chairman of the Carteret County Democratic Party, was present and stated that he would also like to offer support for the western one-stop location. He stated that he appreciated the board's efforts in continuing to provide access to the ballot for voters.

Chairman Henderson recognized Director Lewis who updated the board on continuing election preparations. Director Lewis provided board members with a

notebook of pertinent information for Election Day including a precinct officials' handbook. She requested that the board complete notes regarding any issues they might encounter on Election Day in any of their assigned precincts.

Director Lewis stated that cell phones had been provided by Alltel at a total cost of \$764 (\$25 base price per phone) versus approximately \$1,400 which had been the cost incurred in the past when activating land lines for the polling sites. Member Verdon asked if cell phones were being used in all of the precincts. Director Lewis stated cell phones were only ordered for precincts that could not use an existing phone line provided at the polling site and for the rovers.

Director Lewis also stated that Mr. Pruett had submitted a request for Johnise Culpepper, who is registered in Mill Creek, to work out of precinct in the Indian Beach/Salter Path precinct. Secretary Rivers made the motion to approve, seconded by Member Verdon. Motion passed, 3-0.

Director Lewis informed the board that she had been contacted by the secretary of the Church of Nazarene, Glenda Killion, regarding Election Day activities. She stated they would like to pitch a tent outside of the church which would not be manned but would have coffee available for voters along with literature regarding their church. She further stated they would like to post a "Vote for Jesus" sign and wanted to find out if this was permissible at a polling site. Director Lewis advised Mrs. Killion that any type of activity such as this would have to be outside of the voting enclosure which would be 50 feet from the entrance of the polling site. Director Lewis also reported that she had spoken with Don Wright, Counsel for the SBOE, who stated that this activity is permitted outside the voting enclosure.

No Director's Report.

Chairman Henderson recognized fellow board members for comments. Member Verdon stated that she had attended one of the training sessions provided by the staff for poll workers. She stated that she felt that the training was very thorough and the information was presented very well regarding the voting equipment and Election Day forms. Secretary Rivers had no comments. Chairman Henderson stated that he would like to comment again on the Western Park one-stop voting site. He stated that he and his wife had visited the site to vote. He noted that staffing for that site appeared to have been more limited and was pleased to see that Director Lewis had scheduled staff to allow ample coverage while also attempting to keep the site cost-effective.

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,

Bill Henderson, Chairman

Harry Rivers, Secretary

Sue Verdon, Member

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