

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CARTERET
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
1510 LIVE OAK STREET
BEAUFORT, NC 28516
April 18, 2006**

The Carteret County Board of Elections met on this date at 3 PM in the Elections' office for a regular meeting and absentee meeting. All three board members were present along with the director and elections specialist.

Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order.

Secretary Rivers made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2006 meeting and the minutes from the April 11, 2006 absentee meeting. Member Verdon seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0.

There were no members of the public present for comment.

Absentee ballots were presented to the board for approval. The following is breakdown of the ballots approved by type and/or location:

**46 Western Park Community Center site
179 Elections' Office
1 Military mail-out
12 Civilian mail-out**

The board continued to discuss the delivery and pick-up of the voting equipment. Director Lewis had contacted both political parties regarding recruitment of volunteers for the delivery of voting equipment on Monday, May 1, 2006. Both party chairs indicated their willingness to help and subsequently contacted the director with names of volunteers. The board has received an estimate from the security company that has been picking up equipment in prior elections for delivery of the equipment also. Member Verdon stated that she felt that the estimate was fair based on the hours and the number of employees that would be required to complete the delivery. Chairman Henderson indicated that the office could rent the trucks necessary and coordinate a volunteer effort as has been discussed, but the liability of such an effort concerned him. Director Lewis informed the board that funds are available to contract this additional service as HAVA funds will pay for ballot printing for this election. After much discussion, the board agreed to contract with Coastal Security Company to handle the voting equipment on Monday and Tuesday, May 1st and 2nd, 2006.

Director Lewis updated the board on poll worker training classes which began on Monday, April 17th and are continuing through Thursday, April 20th. Director

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Lewis also shared information received from the SBOE regarding a symposium that will be held in June at the New Bern Convention Center. The purpose of the symposium is to solicit feedback from county board directors and members. June 16th has been set aside for election officials. Advocacy groups and the public have been invited to attend Thursday, June 15th. Member Verdon and Chairman Henderson both indicated an interest in attending.

Chairman Henderson called for board comments. There were none.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Henderson, Chairman

Harry Rivers, Secretary

Sue Verdon, Member